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Notice of Public Meeting

PARK AND OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, January 6, 1998 - 7:00 p.m.
McLaren Lodge - Commission Room
Fell and Stanyan Streets, Golden Gate Park

AGENDA

1. Roll Call

2. Approval of Minutes of December 16, 1997

3. Open Space Fund Deficit and King Pool/North Beach Pool Funding Plan - Discussion and Possible Action

4. Upcoming Open Space Committee Meetings and Agendas for the FY1998-99 Program - Discussion and Possible Action

5. Renovation Projects: Discussion and Possible Preliminary Action
   Children's Spending Plan
   - Chinese Recreation Center
   - Potrero Hill Recreation Center
   - Rolph Park
   - South Park - West
   - Upper Noe Recreation Center
   - Walter Haas

   Coffman Pool
   Excelsior Playground - Children's Play Area
   Garfield Clubhouse
   Glen Park Master Plan and Improvements
   Golden Gate Park - Mary B. Connelly Playground
   Hayes Valley Clubhouse
   Head Street Mini Park
   Hunters Point Play Area

Jefferson Square Improvements
Joseph Lee Recreation Center and Playground - Children's Play Area and Court Resurfacing
Junipero Serra Playground
Lincoln Park Playground, Playing Field, Maintenance Facility and Trail Renovation

6. Public Comment

7. Members Announcements/Requests

8. Adjournment

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MINUTES
Park and Open Space Citizens Advisory Committee
Tuesday, January 6, 1998
McLaren Lodge, Golden Gate Park

ROLL CALL

Members Present:	Ailene Coffino, Co-Chair; Ron Miguel, Co-Chair; Gaeta Bell, Allen Calder, Maurice Campbell, Ina F. Dearman, Kevin Fox, Gregory J. Gaar, Jeffrey Henne, Carol Lane, Lonnie Lawson, Henry Louie, Nan McGuire, Gregory Rocca, Camille She, Harold Supriano, Julia Viera, Claude Wilson and Jane Winslow.
Members Excused:	Bette Landis, Alan Weaver
Members Absent:	Mauricio Vela,
Vacant Seats:	Katz (vice Kors)
Staff Present:	Ernie Prindle, Acting Assistant General Manager; Deborah Learner, Planner; Joanne Wilson, Planner; and Raphael Breines, Planning Intern, of the Recreation and Park Department; Stephen Shotland, Planner, of the City Planning Department

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of December 16, 1997 were amended to show the following:

- Lawson requested that the eighth paragraph on page 7 of the minutes be modified to state that: *It was moved by Henne and seconded by Wilson to thank Willa Sims for her hard work on the Committee, and Lawson added a friendly amendment to have the Co-Chairs write her a letter of commendation.*

- Louie requested that page one of the minutes show that Prindle reported that $63,000 would be reprogrammed from the Coffman Pool renovation to the abatement of the Open Space Fund deficit and $120,000 would be reprogrammed to Richmond Recreation Center, leaving a balance of $0.00 for Coffman Pool.

- Louie requested that page three of the minutes be modified to state: *Louie added a friendly amendment to the motion made by Bell and seconded by*

Weaver to approve the Seed Money Guidelines on an interim basis (as suggested by J. Wilson) to be revisited in Fall, 1998.

It was moved by Louie and seconded by Henne to approve the minutes of December 16, 1997 as amended.

STAFF REPORTS

Open Space Fund Deficit and King Pool/North Beach Pool Funding Plan

Prindle reported that part of the deficit reduction proposal is to utilize approximately $1.7 million in additional revenue (from San Francisco 49er's playoff games, San Francisco Giants revenue, and parking garage revenue) to fund King Pool and Athletic Field Rehabilitation. Approximately $1 million would be allocated to King Pool and $675,000 would be allocated to Athletic Field Rehabilitation (city-wide). This supplemental budget item will be reviewed by the Finance Committee (of the Recreation and Park Commission) on Thursday, January 8, 1998 (3:00 p.m.) and by the full Commission on Thursday, January 15, 1998 (2:00 p.m.). [*Note: Both of these meetings will take place at McLaren Lodge in the Commission Room.*] Prindle stated that the proposal to fund King Pool is a priority for the Department and the General Manager, but the components of that funding proposal are not cast in stone. The situation is somewhat fluid. Prindle encouraged the Committee and the public to continue to give their input. Louie stated that other Departments have submitted supplemental budget requests and asked whether the Recreation and Park Department would apply for a supplemental budget appropriation using surplus City funds. Prindle stated that his understanding was that the Department's plan is to use existing funds through the Open Space Program.

Coffino reported that the Co-Chairs met with Steve Kawa of the Mayor's Office on December 18, 1997 to ask for a meeting with the Mayor that would include several Committee members who have expressed interest in this subject. The Co-Chairs gave Kawa materials regarding the Fund deficit and the King Pool funding proposal. The Mayor's Office is attempting to schedule the meeting and Coffino stated that the Co-Chairs will continue to pursue this. Miguel stated that the Co-Chairs corrected some misinformation regarding the manner in which the Committee operates and the manner in which monies are allocated.

Jake Sigg, Harold Wright (Forest Hill Association), Michael Bolechowski, Timothy E. Treacy, Arthur Feinstein, Alan Hopkins (Golden Gate Audubon), David Graves, Craig Spriggs (Friends of Lake Merced), Pete Holloran (California Native Plant Society), Bruce Krell, Joseph Bertain, Robert A. Corrigan (San Francisco State University), Adam Bakalinsky, Suzanne McElwee, Barbara Deutsch (North American Butterfly Association), Donald Koors (Friends of Lake Merced), Loma

McNulty, Rochelle Gottlieb (California Native Plant Society), Sid Kass, John P. Balkstreri, Stephen Suaci (Friends of Edgehill Mountain Open Space) and Margaret Bors spoke in favor of continued funding for the acquisition of natural areas and in opposition to the staff proposal to abate the deficit and fund King Pool and North Beach Pool by using funds from the Natural Areas Acquisition fund. Several persons spoke in support of the acquisition of Hawk Hill.

Although they all did not speak, the following persons were present at the meeting in support of the acquisition of Hawk Hill: James Shanahan, Rike Grasshoff, Karen Robbins, Ellen Parker and Ingrid Cabada. A letter in support of preserving funds for the acquisition of Hawk Hill from Nancy E. Dunn was submitted.

The Co-Chairs encouraged the public attending the meeting to express their comments in writing to the Mayor and the Recreation and Park Commission.

Agendas for FY1998-99 Program

Learner stated that the Committee is very far behind in its work which must be concluded by the end of February at the latest in order to complete the environmental review of the program, draft the General Manager's Report and schedule the joint hearing of the Planning Commission and Recreation and Park Commission in time to have the program included in the City's fiscal year 1998-99 budget. Learner suggested the use of a consent calendar and/or a Saturday session to complete the work in a timely fashion. Learner asked the Committee to brainstorm with staff in order to develop a strategy. There are eight Tuesday night meetings in January and February (including tonight's meeting) available for completing the Committee's work. Learner suggested adding two Saturday sessions as a contingency plan.

The Committee discussed the possibility of using consent agendas, Saturday sessions and extending the Tuesday night sessions by starting the meeting at 6:00 p.m. (an hour earlier). Coffino stated that a great deal of meeting time is used by Committee members in discussion. Coffino urged the Committee members to work more efficiently by eliminating unnecessary discussion and to make the hard decisions.

Prindle stated that the Department has to present the budget to the Recreation and Park Commission on February 19, 1998 and submit it to the Controller on February 20, 1998. Prindle urged the Committee to complete their work as soon as possible.

Miguel recommended extending the hours of the Tuesday night meetings by one hour by holding the meetings from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. through February 10,

1998. Learner stated that she would check the meeting notification requirements under the Brown Act and Sunshine Ordinance regarding the change of time, but the meetings hours could certainly be extended for the January 27, 1998 meeting. Prindle also noted that there is nothing preventing the Committee from extending the meeting after 9:00 p.m.

Miguel also recommended tentatively scheduling a Saturday meeting on January 31, 1998 and February 7, 1998, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. as a contingency measure.

It was moved by Winslow and seconded by Lane to extend the Tuesday night meeting hours from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the next opportunity (per meeting notification requirements) through February 10, 1998 and to schedule additional Saturday sessions on January 31, 1998 and February 7, 1998, from 8:30 to 12:30 p.m. if needed, pursuant to Miguel's recommendation. The Committee unanimously approved the motion.

RENOVATION PROJECTS

Children's Spending Plan

Staff reported that the children's play areas at Chinese Playground, Potrero Hill Recreation Center (north), South Park (West), Upper Noe Recreation Center and Walter Haas Playground, although worthy projects, are recommended for a priority two status. The children's play area at Rolph Playground is recommended as a priority one project. The project budget for Rolph Playground is approximately $350,000, and to date, $170,000 has been allocated. Currently the funding shortfall for the project is $180,000. The preliminary staff recommendation is a priority 1 for Rolph Playground with a preliminary allocation of $180,000.

Camille She reported that she discussed the possibility of making the Chinese Recreation Center a seed project with the Chinatown Committee for Better Parks and Recreation. The consensus was that the renovation of the play area at this facility would not be appropriate as a seed project.

Gaar stated that he felt that Chinese Recreation Center should be a priority one, and Louie expressed the need to make both the renovation of play areas at Chinese Recreation Center and Walter Haas Playground a high priority.

Chinese Recreation Center - Children's Play Area

Carol Frank (Wu Yee Child Development Center), Irene Chan (Wu Yee Child Development Center), Jasmine Kaw (Committee for Better Parks and Recreation) and Heather Kenyon (Kai Ming Headstart) spoke in support of the renovation of the children's play area at Chinese Recreation Center. A petition and a letter of support from Kai Ming Headstart was submitted in support of the project.

The Committee approved a priority 1 as follows:

Priority 1: Bell, Calder, Campbell, Fox, Gaar, Henne, Lane, Lawson, Louie, McGuire, She, Supriano, C. Wilson, Winslow

Priority 2: Coffino, Dearman, Miguel, Viera and Rocca

Priority 3: None

It was moved by Henne and seconded by C. Wilson to give the project a preliminary allocation of $25,000. The Committee approved the motion as follows:

Ayes: Bell, Calder, Campbell, Coffino, Dearman, Fox, Gaar, Henne, Lane, Lawson, McGuire, Supriano, C. Wilson, Viera and Winslow

Noes: Louie, Miguel, Rocca, She,

Potrero Hill Recreation Center

The Committee approved a priority two for the project as follows:

Priority 1: Fox

Priority 2: Bell, Calder, Campbell, Coffino, Dearman, Gaar, Henne, Lane, Lawson, Louie, McGuire, Miguel, Rocca, She, Supriano, Viera, C. Wilson, Winslow

Priority 3: None

Rolph Playground - Play Area

The Committee gave the project a priority one as follows:

Priority 1: Bell, Calder, Campbell, Coffino, Fox, Gaar, Henne, Lane, Lawson, Louie, McGuire, Miguel, Rocca, She, Supriano, Viera and Winslow

Priority 2: Dearman

Priority 3: None

It was moved by Bell and seconded by Henne to give the project a preliminary allocation of $180,000. The Committee unanimously approved the motion.

South Park - Play Area (West)

The Committee approved a priority 2 as follows:

Priority 1: Fox

Priority 2: Bell, Calder, Campbell, Coffino, Dearman, Gaar, Henne, Lane, Lawson, Louie, McGuire, Miguel, Rocca, She, Supriano, Viera and Winslow

Priority 3: None

Upper Noe Recreation Center - Play Area

The Committee approved a priority two for the project as follows:

Priority 1: Fox

Priority 2: Bell, Calder, Campbell, Coffino, Dearman, Gaar, Henne, Lane, Lawson, Louie, McGuire, Miguel, Rocca, She, Supriano, Viera and Winslow

Priority 3: None

Walter Haas Playground - Play Area

Emy Youngsmith and Robin Lee spoke in support of the renovation of the children's play area at Walter Haas Playground.

The Committee approved a priority two as follows:

Priority 1: Calder, Fox, Gaar, Henne, Lawson, Louie and She

Priority 2: Bell, Campbell, Coffino, Dearman, Lane, McGuire, Miguel, Rocca, Supriano, Viera and Winslow

Priority 3: None

Coffman Pool

Staff reported that the request is to fund a new roof, eaves and rafters for this pool facility. Staff also stated that if the building continues to deteriorate to a point where safety is compromised, the General Manager has stated that he would close the pool to protect the public. Staff, however, is recommending a priority two for the project, due to competing needs from two other pool projects (King Pool and North Beach Pool).

The Committee approved a priority two for the project as follows:

Priority 1: None

Priority 2: Bell, Calder, Campbell, Coffino, Dearman, Fox, Gaar, Henne, Lane, Lawson, Louie, McGuire, Miguel, She, Supriano, Viera and Winslow

Priority 3: Rocca

Excelsior Playground - Play Area

Staff reported that the clubhouse was recently renovated and the children's play area is rated "B" in the 1997 *Playground Evaluation Report*.

The Committee unanimously approved a priority two for the project.

Garfield Clubhouse

Staff reported that the project is to renovate the building. Sufficient funds are in place to complete the project, therefore, staff recommended a priority 2.

The Committee unanimously approved a priority two for the project.

Glen Park Master Plan and Improvements

Staff reported that there are other mechanisms in place to address the needs of this park (Natural Areas Program, Strategic Plan) and therefore, a priority 3 is recommended for the project.

The Committee approved a priority three as follows:

Priority 1: None

Priority 2: Coffino, Gaar, Henne and Louie

Priority 3: Bell, Calder, Campbell, Dearman, Fox, Lane, Lawson, McGuire, Miguel, Rocca, She, Supriano, Viera and Winslow

Golden Gate Park - Mary P. Connelly Playground

Staff reported that the project is a major renovation of the primary children's play area in Golden Gate Park, which is rated "A+" (wooden structures) and "B" (metal structures) in the 1997 *Playground Evaluation Report*. Due to competing needs, staff recommended a priority 2 for the project.

The Committee approved a priority two for the project as follows:

Priority 1: None

Priority 2: Bell, Calder, Campbell, Coffino, Fox, Gaar, Henne, Louie, Miguel, Rocca, She, Supriano, Viera and Winslow

Priority 3: Dearman, Lane, Lawson and McGuire

Hayes Valley Clubhouse

Staff reported that the project involves the renovation of the building. The $50,000 in the project account will remain; staff does not recommend reprogramming of these monies. Staff recommended a priority 2 for the project.

The Committee unanimously approved a priority two for the project.

Head Street Mini Park

The Committee recommended a priority one for the project as follows:

Priority 1: Bell, Calder, Campbell, Dearman, Gaar, Lane, Lawson, McGuire, Supriano, Viera and Winslow

Priority 2: Coffino, Fox, Henne, Louie, Miguel, Rocca and She

Priority 3: None

It was moved by Henne and seconded by Viera to recommend the mini park for the court resurfacing program. The Committee approved the motion unanimously.

It was moved by McGuire and seconded by Bell to give the court resurfacing of the basketball court at Head Mini Park a preliminary allocation of $30,000. The Committee approved the motion as follows:

Ayes: Bell, Calder, Campbell, Dearman, Fox, Gaar, Henne, Lane, Lawson, Louie, McGuire, She, Supriano, Viera and Winslow

Noes: Coffino, Miguel and Rocca

Hunter's Point - Play Area (Milton Meyer)

Staff recommended a priority 2 for this play area, which is rated "B" in the 1997 *Playground Evaluation Report.*

C. Wilson urged the Committee to make this project a priority one. C. Wilson stated that the Milton Meyer facility is becoming more important for the Bayview-Hunter's Point neighborhood and stated that the play area renovation is a high need for the community. The Milton Meyer facility is a magnet for many community organizations that bring children and youth to the facility and that this community has been long overlooked. C. Wilson offered a letter in support of the proposal from the San Francisco League of Gardeners (SLUG).

Al Wimberly spoke in favor of the renovation of the children's play area at Hunter's Point.

The Committee voted to give the project a priority 2 as follows:

Priority 1: Lawson, Louie, Supriano, C. Wilson and Campbell

Priority 2: Bell, Calder, Coffino, Dearman, Fox, Gaar, Henne, Lane, McGuire, Miguel, Rocca, She, Viera and Winslow

Priority 3: None

- C. Wilson left the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Jefferson Square

Staff reported that the proposal is for specific improvements including renovation of a circular courtyard (including disabled access), hedge plantings, seating,

security lighting, landscaping at park entries, demolition of the existing restroom or at least the removal of the "wings" (restroom entries), tree work and bench repairs. Staff recommended a priority two for the project.

Joanne Minsky, Celeste Friedman and Stuart Nachtshum spoke in support of the proposal.

The Committee approved a priority two for the project as follows:

Priority 1: None

Priority 2: Bell, Calder, Campbell, Coffino, Fox, Gaar, Henne, Lane, Lawson, Louie, McGuire, Miguel, Rocca, She, Supriano, Viera and Winslow

Priority 3: Dearman

Joseph Lee Recreation Center & Playground - Children's Play Area and Court Resurfacing

Staff reported that the tennis courts and play area need renovation. The play area is rated "B" in the 1997 *Playground Evaluation Report*, and the tennis court is closed for safety (large hole at the service line), but that this type of project is a high priority under the court resurfacing program. Staff recommended a priority two for the project.

The Committee unanimously gave the project a priority two.

It was moved by Winslow and seconded by Henne to include the tennis court at Joseph Lee Recreation Center and Playground in the Court Resurfacing Program. The motion was unanimously approved.

Junipero Serra Playground

Staff reported that the request is for the renovation of the children's play area, rated "B" in the 1997 *Playground Evaluation Report*. Staff recommended a priority two for the project.

The Committee unanimously approved a priority two for the project.

Lincoln Park - Playground, Playing Field, Maintenance Facility and Trail Renovation

Staff reported that the request is for funding to relocate and renovate the playground, including disabled access, creation of a playing field, relocation and

renovation of trail access to Golden Gate National Recreation Area, and restoration of one acre to open space. The children's play area is rated "B" in the 1997 *Playground Evaluation Report*. Staff recommended a priority 2 for the project.

The Committee unanimously approved a priority two for the project.

PUBLIC COMMENT

At this time, members of the public may address the Committee on items that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Park and Open Space Citizens Advisory Committee. Individual members of the public may address the Committee for up to 3 minutes.

Bruce Williams from the Trust for Public Land invited the Committee to the first annual Lackmann-Soulages Open Space Stewardship Award reception on Monday, January 12, 1998, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., at the offices of the Trust for Public Land (116 New Montgomery Street, 4th Floor).

MEMBERS ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS

Miguel announced that he may not be able to attend one upcoming meeting due to a birth in his family.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m. The next scheduled meeting will be on Tuesday, January 13, 1998 at 7:00 p.m. in the Commission Room, McLaren Lodge, Fell and Stanyan Streets, Golden Gate Park.

Minutes prepared by

Joanne Wilson
Park Planner

Note: These minutes set forth all actions taken by the Park and Open Space Citizens Advisory Committee on matters stated, but not necessarily in the chronological order in which the matters were taken up.

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AGENDA

1. Roll Call

2. Approval of Minutes of January 6, 1998

4. Renovation Projects: Discussion and Possible Preliminary Action
   Staff Recommended Priority 1 Projects:
   - Mission Pool
   - Park Renovation Plan
     - Administration
     - Court Resurfacing
     - Disabled Access
     - Erosion Control
     - Fencing
     - Hazardous Materials
     - Irrigation
     - Jackson Restroom
     - Margaret Hayward Playground - Building Renovation
     - Security Lighting

   Staff Recommended Priority 2 Projects
   - Little Hollywood Playground - Children's Play Area
   - Miraloma Park - Court Resurfacing[1]
   - Mission Dolores Park - Beautification Project
   - McLaren Park Disc Golf Course
   - Moscone Recreation Center & Playground - Children's Play Areas
   - Potrero Hill Recreation Center - Children's Play Area (east)
   - Richmond Playground - Children's Play Area
   - Rochambeau Playground - Renovation of Clubhouse and Play Area
   - Saint Mary's Playground - Children's Play Area and Court Resurfacing[1]

Seed Category
- Alamo Square Playground
- Duboce Play Area
- Koshland Park
- Pioneer Park

South Park Lighting Plan
South Park - Play Area (east)
Visitacion Valley Playground - Clubhouse Renovation
Walter Haas Playground - Court Resurfacing and Security Lighting

Staff Recommended Priority 3 Projects
- Merced Heights Clubhouse

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[1]Staff recommends moving this project to the Park Renovation - Court Resurfacing Program.

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PARK AND OPEN SPACE CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE REVISED MEETING SCHEDULE FOR REMAINDER OF CALENDAR YEAR 1998

The Park and Open Space Citizens Advisory Committee has extended its meeting schedule through February 10, 1998. The Committee will begin meeting 6:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m. on Tuesdays. The Committee's revised meeting schedule is as follows:

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In addition, the Committee will meet on Saturday, January 31, and Saturday, February 7, 1998 from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. if needed to complete work on the 1998-99 Open Space Program budget.

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Members Excused: Gregory J. Gaar, Claude Wilson

Staff Present: Deborah Learner, Planner; Joanne Wilson, Planner; and Raphael Breines, Planning Intern, of the Recreation and Park Department

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Dearman and seconded by Lawson to approve the minutes of January 6, 1998 as written. The Committee unanimously approved the motion.

RENOVATION PROJECTS

McLaren Park Disc Golf Course

Staff reported that the funding request is for a frisbee golf course at McLaren Park. Staff has been meeting with the community to discuss this proposal, but more meetings are planned, and issues and details associated with the proposed project are yet to be resolved. Because community meetings are still in progress, approval of funding for this project would be premature. Therefore, staff recommends a Priority 2 for the project.

Lia Smith, Carlin Decato, Carol High, Albert M. Sandoval, (Portola Heights Neighborhood Association), David Graves (Friends of McLaren Park) and Dody Damish (Friends of McLaren Park) spoke in opposition to funding the project.

- Vela joined the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Ross Hammond (San Francisco Disc Golf Club), Bill Carlin (Friends of McLaren Park) and Greg Quiroga (San Francisco Disc Golf Course) spoke in support of funding the project.

- Louie left the meeting at 7:30 p.m. due to illness.

The Committee approved a Priority 2 as follows:

Priority 1: None

Priority 2: Bell, Calder, Campbell, Coffino, Fox, Hanagan, Henne, Lane, Lawson, McGuire, Miguel, Rocca, She, Vela, Viera, Weaver, Winslow

Priority 3: Dearman, Landis, Supriano

Visitacion Valley Playground - Clubhouse Renovation

Staff reported that the proposal is to renovate the existing clubhouse at Visitacion Valley Playground. Funds have been appropriated in prior years and plans are going forward. At this time, staff recommends a Priority 2 for the project. Staff will request additional funds in the future once the plans are further along. Staff reported that the fund balance is higher than shown in the Workbook or on the budget spreadsheet.

Anne Seeman (Friends of Visitacion Valley Parks), Marlene Tran (Friends of Visitacion Valley Parks), Jerome Rodrigues, Dr. Myron Seeman, Rebecca Lillis (Trust for Public Land), Bruce Williams (Trust for Public Land) and May Lee spoke in support of funding the project.

Although they did not speak, approximately six persons were present in support of funding the project.

McGuire stated that she recalled that during discussions for the previous fiscal year program, the Committee was chastised by the General Manager for neglecting Visitacion Valley. McGuire stated further that the Committee should make the project a Priority 1 and let the General Manager take it out of the budget if he wishes. Landis also spoke in favor of a Priority 1 for the project and stated that she was appalled by the deterioration of all of the playgrounds in Visitacion Valley.

Lawson spoke in support of a Priority 1, but also supported the proposal from a neighborhood resident for the construction of the clubhouse using neighborhood volunteers. Staff stated that although there are hurdles, it is possible to use

volunteers as long as the City's bidding procedures are followed and contracting requirements met. Staff also stated that the clubhouse would be demolished (it would be more economical to combine the playground and new clubhouse construction projects) and a new building constructed on the site. Staff cautioned that the cost estimate for the clubhouse is based on the conceptual plan, and therefore is preliminary. Further development of the project plans (engineering) could impact the preliminary budget by +/- 30 percent. Staff also stated that the project could be funded under the Development category.

The Committee unanimously approved a Priority 1 for the project.

It was moved by Winslow and seconded by Henne to give the project a preliminary allocation of $400,000. The Committee approved the motion as follows:

Ayes: Bell, Calder, Campbell, Coffino, Fox, Hanagan, Henne, Landis, Lane, Lawson, McGuire, Miguel, Rocca, She, Supriano, Vela, Viera, Weaver, Winslow

Noes: Dearman

Mission Dolores Park - Beautification Project

Staff reported that the request is for $25,000 for a beautification project on the west end of the park to discourage drug dealing and other crime. Proposed improvements include a nature walk and erosion control. A new irrigation system along both sides of the MUNI tracks adjacent to the park is also proposed. Due to other pressing needs, staff recommended a Priority 2 for the project.

Christine Nahnsen (Friends of Dolores Park), Sgt. Pablo Ossio (San Francisco Police Department - Mission Station), Donald Bird (Friends of Dolores Park), Raquel Medina (Director, Mission Economic Development Association) and Amy Powell (Dolores Heights Improvement Club) spoke in support of funding the project.

Although they did not speak, approximately six persons were present at the meeting in support of the project.

Weaver asked staff to check on the jurisdiction issue regarding land (which is eroded and in need of improvement) adjacent to the MUNI street car lines (particularly erosion related to soil movement under Church Street). Lawson stated that in July, 1997, Ingleside Terrace Homeowners Association gathered at the Sundial Park and using "sweat equity", provided solar irrigation for less than

$1,500. Henne questioned whether the $25,000 request would be adequate for irrigation and erosion. Christine Nahnsen (Friends of Dolores Park) stated that the estimate was provided by Recreation and Park Department staff (Marvin Yee, Bart Mayhew and Dennis Neal).

Viera moved and McGuire seconded a motion to add the irrigation portion of the project to the list of irrigation projects supported in the Park Renovation/Irrigation Projects for fiscal year 1998-99. The Committee approved the motion as follows:

Ayes: Bell, Calder, Campbell, Coffino, Dearman, Fox, Hanagan, Henne, Landis, Lane, Lawson, McGuire, Miguel, Rocca, She, Supriano, Viera, Weaver, Winslow

Noes: Vela

With respect to the remaining aspects of the proposed project, staff recommended that the community continue to work with Department staff on erosion control to develop a plan and materials and supplies list, and recommended a Priority 2 for the project. The Committee approved a Priority 2 for the project as follows:

Priority 1: Landis, Vela

Priority 2: Bell, Calder, Campbell, Coffino, Dearman, Fox, Hanagan, Henne, Lane, Lawson, McGuire, Miguel, Rocca, She, Supriano, Viera, Weaver, Winslow

Priority 3: None

SEED CATEGORY

A. Alamo Square Playground

There is a design process underway and further development of plans and specifications, as well as community involvement is needed. Therefore, staff recommended a Priority 2 for the project.

Rick Osmon, Grace Shohet, Mark Topetcher, David Brownstein (all of the Alamo Square Neighborhood Association) and Deborah Hall spoke in support of the proposal.

Grace Shohet and Rick Osmon expressed dismay at being included in the Seed Category and felt that the project has therefore been penalized. They requested that the balance of the project budget be funded in the next fiscal year. Rick

Osmon reported that no funds have been raised by the community for the renovation of the playground at Alamo Square.

Although they did not speak, approximately 20 persons were present at the meeting in support of the project.

Winslow stated that the Committee needs to offer more help to community groups interested in the Seed Program, and that based on her experience with the Pioneer Park project, there are sources available through grants available to the community. Coffino noted that the Friends of Recreation and Parks has offered to help neighborhood groups with funding. Staff noted that the Seed Program guidelines are posted on the Department's website. Coffino explained that the purpose of the Seed Program is to help communities to raise funds (by providing leverage funding) for projects that otherwise may not receive funding due to competing needs. Lawson noted that the project initially received $25,000 in funds because the community agreed to raise funds through the Seed Program (otherwise, the project probably would have received a lower priority). Coffino read the following from the Interim Seed Program Guidelines: *A neighborhood's inability or unwillingness to engage in fundraising or donate in-kind services will not be, in and of itself, a reason for not funding an open space project outside of the "Seed" category.*

Viera noted that per the Guidelines, Type A is an initial allocation to fund studies, planning and design. Once this process is completed, the project is considered a Type B and incremental allocations are then made.

Weaver stated that he felt misled by promises for community fundraising, acknowledging that the Committee could have done a better job of educating neighborhood groups about the Seed Program.

Landis stated that renovation of deteriorated playgrounds should not be deferred because it is related to safety.

The Committee approved a Priority 2 as follows:

Priority 1: Dearman, Lane, Supriano, Vela, Viera and Weaver

Priority 2: Bell, Calder, Campbell, Coffino, Fox, Hanagan, Henne, Landis, Lawson, McGuire, Miguel, Rocca, She, Winslow

B. <u>Duboce Play Area</u>

Staff reported that to date $50,000 has been allocated as seed money toward the renovation of this play area. The community has not raised any funds toward the project. Staff recommended a Priority 2 for the project.

The Committee approved a Priority 2 for the project as follows:

Priority 1: Bell, Dearman, Hanagan, Landis

Priority 2: Calder, Campbell, Coffino, Fox, Henne, Lane, Lawson, McGuire, Miguel, Rocca, She, Supriano, Vela, Viera, Weaver, Winslow

Priority 3: None

C. Koshland Park

Staff reported that $350,000 has been allocated to this project through the Open Space Program and the Department recently received a check for $400,000 from the Koshland Family. The project budget is now complete and staff recommended a Priority 2 for the project.

It was the consensus of the Committee to have the Co-Chairs send a letter of commendation and appreciation to the Koshland Family and the community for their financial and volunteer-organizing contributions respectively.

The Committee unanimously approved a Priority 2 for the project.

D. Pioneer Park

Winslow reported that the fundraising efforts of the community have been very successful and there is no request for additional Open Space monies at this time. Winslow described a unique fundraising strategy where donors "buy" a stair tile on a proposed park staircase and the donors name is inscribed on the tile.

Staff recommended a Priority 2 for the project.

The Committee unanimously approved a Priority 2 for the project.

Mission Pool

Staff reported that the proposal is to renovate the pool, including disabled access. Staff recommended an allocation of $307,000 to complete the project budget.

Rocca noted that he discussed the project with staff at the playground/pool, who reported that security is also an issue.

The Committee approved a Priority 1 as follows:

Priority 1: Bell, Calder, Campbell, Fox, Hanagan, Landis, Lane, Lawson, McGuire, Miguel, Rocca, She, Supriano, Vela, Viera, Weaver, Winslow

Priority 2: Coffino, Dearman, Henne

Priority 3: None

It was moved by Weaver and seconded by Rocca to give the project a preliminary allocation of $307,000. The Committee approved the motion as follows:

Ayes: Bell, Calder, Campbell, Dearman, Fox, Hanagan, Henne, Landis, Lane, Lawson, McGuire, Miguel, Rocca, She, Supriano, Vela, Viera, Weaver, Winslow

Noes: Coffino

Park Renovation

Staff reported several projects as priorities for the irrigation fund: McCoppin Park, Pine Lake, Hamilton Playground, Aptos Playground, Miraloma Park, and Mission Dolores Park were among sites named. In the security lighting fund, there are several locations and staff has identified sites in the Capital Assessment Report. Erosion control projects include States Street Playground (washout down the hillside) and West Sunset Playground. The Department received assistance and estimates from the U.S. Department of Agriculture ($23,000 for States Street Playground - informal contract) and the remainder for West Sunset Playground. Staff also recommended $200,000 for the Margaret Hayward Clubhouse renovation project which is tied to the 911 Center.

It was moved by Henne and seconded by McGuire to remove Margaret Hayward Playground and Jackson Playground Restroom from the Park Renovation category. The Committee unanimously approved the motion.

It was moved by Rocca and seconded by Vela to accept the staff recommendation for Park Renovation, except for Court Resurfacing, Jackson Playground (restroom), and Margaret Hayward Playground (these projects would be reviewed separately). The Committee unanimously approved the motion and

gave the Park Renovation category a Priority 1. Therefore, the following funding amounts recommended by staff for Park Renovation were approved by the Committee:

Administration	$150,000
Disabled Access	75,000
Erosion Control (Var. Loc.)	93,000
Fencing	100,000
Hazardous Materials	50,000
Irrigation	170,000
Security Lighting	75,000

Court Resurfacing

Staff distributed the *Court Resurfacing Guide* and reported that court resurfacing is a multi-million dollar project. In the short term, however, there are four sites to be included in the next Department of Public Works (DPW) contract (all of which exceed $50,000 and therefore, as required by the City Charter, must have plans and specifications prepared by DPW): Miraloma Park, Mountain Lake Park, Rossi Playground and North Beach Playground. In addition to these four sites, there are more court resurfacing projects that could be included in a future DPW contract (because costs exceed $50,000), and projects that could be completed through an informal contract (in-house because the cost would be less than $50,000). These additional courts include Herz Playground, Gilman Playground, Head Street Mini Park (which recently received a Priority 1 from the Committee and a preliminary allocation of $30,000), Joseph Lee Recreation Center and Playground, Hayes Valley Playground and Presidio Heights Playground. The budget shortfall based on immediate needs is approximately $250,000.

Weaver complimented staff on the *Court Resurfacing Guide* and there was a discussion of various issues and costs related to several sites, including Head Street Mini Park and St. Mary's Recreation Center.

Bob Lee (Francisco Heights Civic Association) spoke in support of funding for court resurfacing at Rossi Playground.

The Committee unanimously approved a Priority 1 for court resurfacing and a preliminary allocation of $250,000.

Margaret Hayward Playground

Staff reported that the project is to renovate the existing clubhouse and the project is associated with the City's new 911 Center. Staff recommended a Priority 1 and a preliminary allocation of $200,000.

The Committee approved a Priority 2 for the project as follows:

Priority 1: Vela, Viera

Priority 2: Bell, Calder, Campbell, Coffino, Fox, Hanagan, Henne, Landis, Lane, Lawson, McGuire, Miguel, She, Supriano, Weaver, Winslow

Priority 3: Dearman, Rocca

Jackson Playground - Restroom Renovation

Staff reported that the cost estimate for this project is approximately $100,000. To date, $50,000 has been allocated, leaving a funding shortfall of $50,000. Because the play area at Jackson Playground will be renovated in 1998, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requires that at some point following that renovation, the restrooms must be upgraded to make them accessible. The staff recommended a Priority 1 for the project.

The Committee approved a Priority 1 for the project as follows:

Priority 1: Bell, Calder, Campbell, Coffino, Hanagan, Landis, Lane, Lawson, McGuire, Miguel, Rocca, She, Supriano, Vela, Viera, Weaver, Winslow

Priority 2: Dearman, Fox, Henne

Priority 3: None

It was moved by Bell and seconded by Supriano to give the project a preliminary allocation of $50,000. The Committee approved the motion as follows:

Ayes: Bell, Calder, Campbell, Coffino, Dearman, Hanagan, Henne, Landis, Lane, Lawson, McGuire, Miguel, Rocca, She, Supriano, Vela, Viera, Weaver, Winslow

Noes: Fox

Rochambeau Playground - Renovation of Clubhouse and Play Area

At the request of the Co-Chairs, this item was deferred to the meeting of January 20, 1998.

Little Hollywood Playground - Children's Play Area

At the request of Landis, this item was deferred to the meeting of January 20, 1998.

Merced Heights Clubhouse

Staff reported that this project for the renovation of the existing clubhouse was initiated by staff and the Department has not received a request from the community to proceed with the project. Due to competing needs and lack of community interest, staff recommended a Priority 3 for the project.

The Committee approved a Priority 2 for the project as follows:

Priority 1: None

Priority 2: Bell, Calder, Campbell, Coffino, Dearman, Fox, Hanagan, Henne, Landis, Lawson, McGuire, She, Supriano, Vela, Viera, Weaver, Winslow

Priority 3: Lane, Miguel, Rocca

Staff Recommended Priority 2 Projects

Staff gave a brief report on the remaining projects on the agenda. Several projects (Miraloma Park, St. Mary's Playground, Walter Haas Playground) included court resurfacing as part of the proposal. Staff indicated that these projects are already prioritized and addressed through the Park Renovation - Court Resurfacing fund. The staff recommended a Priority 2 for the remaining projects on the agenda. The Committee unanimously approved a Priority 2 for the following staff recommended Priority 2 projects:

Miraloma Park - Court Resurfacing
Moscone Recreation Center & Playground - Children's Play Areas
Potrero Hill Recreation Center - Children's Play Area (east)
Richmond Playground - Children's Play Area
Saint Mary's Playground - Children's Play Area and Court Resurfacing
South Park Lighting Plan
South Park - Play Area (east)
Walter Haas Playground - Court Resurfacing and Security Lighting

PUBLIC COMMENT

At this time, members of the public may address the Committee on items that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Park and Open Space Citizens

Advisory Committee. Individual members of the public may address the Committee for up to 3 minutes.

Jess Tepper (San Francisco Little League) spoke in support of funding for the renovation of the baseball field at Crocker Amazon Playground (cost estimate according to Area Supervisor Sean Sweeney to renovate the field is approximately $15,000 to $20,000). Staff reported that this project could be funded under Athletic Field Rehabilitation. It was the consensus of the Committee to revisit Athletic Field Rehabilitation on an upcoming agenda to discuss this project

MEMBERS ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS

The Co-Chairs reminded the Committee and the public that upcoming meetings will begin at 6:30 p.m. and are scheduled to end at 9:30 p.m.

McGuire stated that she would like to write a letter to the Mayor requesting funds from the City's surplus funds for King Pool and offered to make the letter available for other Committee members to sign. The Co-Chairs agreed to put the proposed letter on the upcoming agenda.

Lawson noted that the today's *Independent* has an article about the proposed funding of King Pool.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m. The next scheduled meeting will be on Tuesday, January 20, 1998 at 6:30 p.m. in the Commission Room, McLaren Lodge, Fell and Stanyan Streets, Golden Gate Park.

Minutes prepared by

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Note: These minutes set forth all actions taken by the Park and Open Space Citizens Advisory Committee on matters stated, but not necessarily in the chronological order in which the matters were taken up.

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ROLL CALL

Members Present: Ailene Coffino, Co-Chair; Ron Miguel, Co-Chair; Gaeta Bell, Allen Calder, Maurice Campbell, Kevin Fox, Gregory J. Gaar, M. Terri Hanagan, Jeffrey Henne, Bette Landis, Lonnie Lawson, Henry Louie, Nan McGuire, Camille She, Harold Supriano, Mauricio Vela, Julia Viera, Alan Weaver and Claude Wilson

Members Excused: Ina F. Dearman, Carol Lane, Gregory Rocca, Jane Winslow

Staff Present: Ernie Prindle, Acting Assistant General Manager; Deborah Learner, Planner; Joanne Wilson, Planner; and Raphael Breines, Planning Intern, of the Recreation and Park Department; and Stephen Shotland of the City Planning Department

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Gaar and seconded by McGuire to approve the minutes of January 13, 1998 as written.

STAFF REPORTS

Letter to the Mayor Regarding the Open Space Fund Deficit and King Pool (Requested by McGuire)

McGuire drafted a letter to the Mayor regarding the funding of the King Pool project and reminding the Mayor that the Committee had requested a meeting (in writing) approximately nine weeks ago. Since that first written request for a meeting was submitted to the Mayor, many circumstances have changed, including the realization that the City now has $80 million in surplus funds. McGuire's letter suggested that the surplus funds present an opportunity to solve the funding of King Pool.

Coffino reported that Steve Kava of the Mayor's Office stated that Committee will have a meeting with the Mayor, possibly as early as this Friday, January 23. The Co-Chairs requested that a sentence in the last paragraph of the letter be eliminated (regarding eliminating the upcoming meeting if the Mayor agrees to

use surplus funds to fund King Pool) because there is no substitute for meeting with the Mayor to discuss the Open Space Program in general and the way the Committee operates. Gaar suggested that the letter be modified so that there is consistency on dollar amounts (format). McGuire stated that she would revise the letter per the comments of the Committee and send the revised letter to the Mayor's Office (and copies to members of the Board of Supervisors) as soon as possible. The signature page of the letter was circulated to the members of the Committee present at the meeting.

- Viera joined the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Open Space Fund Deficit

With respect to the written opinion by the City Attorney regarding the staff proposal to abate the deficit, Wilson reported that she verified with Mariam Morley (Deputy City Attorney) that the first condition cited in the opinion refers to a public process (not the Fund allocation formula). Coffino stated that she disagreed with this opinion and encouraged the Committee to challenge the City Attorney's written opinion. Prindle stated that the City Attorney has simply offered advice in stating that the staff proposal to abate the deficit is legal. The Committee, if it wishes, does not have to agree with the staff proposal and could simply recommend their preferred method for abating the deficit.

Wilson distributed a report (requested by the Co-Chairs) showing the budget for Fiscal Year 1998-99 with the Fund deficit included and the fiscal impacts of such a proposal.

Prindle stated that the Department has put forth the current staff proposal to abate the deficit because the proposal avoids the loss of up to 30 positions in maintenance and the After School Program (unless other funding is found). The Controller will not allow the Department to spread the deficit over two or more years. If the Recreation and Park Department does not resolve the problem, the Controller has the authority under the City Charter to unilaterally close project accounts to a zero balance until the deficit is abated.

Learner stated that in the Golden Gate Master Plan, the Sharon Building is identified as a potential site for a restaurant, but only after an appropriate new facility is found for the Sharon Arts Studio.

At the request of the Co-Chairs, Caroline Rabinowitz of the Sharon Arts Studio stated that she felt that there was no guarantee that the studio will not be forced to leave the Sharon Building before an appropriate alternate site is found. Rabinowitz stated that the Department has not taken action to ensure that a suitable site is found.

Prindle and Shotland identified several sites that the Department had investigated as potential sites for the Arts program, but were rejected by the Sharon Arts staff. Rabinowitz stated that she was referring specifically to sites identified by the Sharon staff for funding (toward acquisition) in the FY1998-99 program.

- Hanagan joined the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

- Weaver and Vela joined the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Coffino requested that the members of the Committee review the City Attorney's written opinion, the Charter language regarding the Open Space Program, and the staff report on the FY1998-99 budget with and without the deficit. It was moved by Louie and seconded by Henne that the Committee defer this item until the meeting of January 26, 1998. The Committee unanimously approved the motion.

- C. Wilson joined the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

There was a discussion of an earlier staff proposal to allocate $25,000 toward a study of having the Sharon Arts Studio split up and geographically located in various parts of the City to better serve the public. Rabinowitz stated that decentralizing the program would result in a duplication of expensive equipment and would disrupt the program's objectives.

RENOVATION PROJECTS

Athletic Field Rehabilitation

Prindle reported that a supplemental budget item for $675,000 has been approved by the Recreation and Park Commission and is now pending approval by the Board of Supervisors. Therefore, the $100,000 previously allocated by the Committee is no longer necessary.

Ric Olivas (San Francisco Soccer League) and Chris Duderstadt (Youth Soccer) spoke in support of continued funding for Athletic Field Rehabilitation.

It was moved by Gaar and seconded by McGuire to reallocate the preliminary allocation of $100,000 to the renovation fund category of the Open Space Program. The Committee unanimously approved the motion.

The Committee unanimously approved a Priority 2 for the project.

Rochambeau Playground - Renovation of Clubhouse and Play Area

Staff reported that the proposal is to renovate the building, including a new floor, restrooms, installation of an outdoor water fountain and new play equipment. The children's play area is rated "B" in the 1997 *Playground Evaluation Report.* Staff recommended a Priority 2 for the project.

Pete Lavaroni (Friends of Rochambeau) submitted a letter and spoke in support of funding the project. Larry McNesbie (Recreation Director) also spoke in support of funding the proposal.

There was a discussion of maintenance and accessibility issues that need attention at the playground. McGuire suggested separating the clubhouse renovation from the rest of the proposal (Weaver concurred) and Coffino stated that she felt the project would be an ideal candidate for the Seed Money Program.

After discussing the possibility of funding the project under the Seed Program with the community members present, it was the consensus of the Committee to defer this item for two weeks (to the meeting of February 3, 1998) to allow the community an opportunity to review the Interim Seed Money Program Guidelines. It was also the consensus of the Committee to divide the proposal into two separate projects (Clubhouse and Play Area). Staff agreed to list the two projects on the agenda for February 3, 1998.

- Landis joined the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Little Hollywood Playground

Staff reported that the children's play area is rated "B" in the 1997 *Playground Evaluation Report* and recommended a Priority 2 for the project.

Landis and C. Wilson discussed the history and condition of the playground and requested deferring the item for two weeks to allow time to contact the community.

It was moved by C. Wilson and seconded by Landis to defer this item until the meeting of February 3, 1998. The Committee unanimously approved the motion.

ACQUISITION AND DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

City Attorney Support

Staff recommended a Priority 1 and a preliminary allocation of $75,000 (rather than the previously recommended $100,000) for continuing City Attorney services. It was reported that the amount of the allocation is recommended to be modified because of a reduced workload related to acquisition of property.

The Committee approved a Priority 1 as follows:

Priority 1: Bell, Calder, Coffino, Fox, Gaar, Hanagan, Henne, Lawson, Louie, McGuire, Miguel, She, Supriano, Vela

Priority 2: Campbell, Viera, Weaver

Priority 3: Landis, C. Wilson

It was moved by McGuire and seconded by Miguel to give the project a preliminary allocation of $75,000. The Committee approved the motion as follows:

Ayes: Bell, Calder, Campbell, Coffino, Fox, Gaar, Hanagan, Henne, Lawson, Louie, McGuire, Miguel, She, Supriano, Vela, Viera,

Noes: Landis, Weaver, C. Wilson

Twenty-Third Street & Treat Avenue Site

Staff reported that eminent domain proceedings are underway and that there are sufficient funds for the acquisition of the site, but, more funds may be needed for development. The owners have agreed to a purchase price, however, the responsibility for the removal of toxic hazards (estimated at $300,000) on the site has yet to be resolved (but, eight of the nine property owners have reached an agreement with the City). Staff recommended a Priority 2 for the project.

Geri Almanza and Miguel Perla (both of the People Organizing to Demand Environmental Rights - PODER) spoke in support of funding the project.

The Committee approved a Priority 2 for the project as follows:

Priority 1: Bell, Hanagan, Henne, Landis, Supriano, Vela, C. Wilson

Priority 2: Calder, Campbell, Coffino, Fox, Gaar, Lawson, Louie, McGuire, Miguel, She, Viera, Weaver

Priority 3: None

It was moved by Landis and seconded by McGuire to direct the Co-Chairs to write a letter to the Recreation and Park Department, Real Estate Department, and City Attorney staff requesting that the negotiations with the owners of the site be accelerated.

The Committee approved the motion as follows:

Ayes: Bell, Calder, Campbell, Coffino, Fox, Gaar, Hanagan, Henne, Landis, Lawson, Louie, McGuire, She, Supriano, Vela, Viera, Weaver, C. Wilson

Noes: Miguel

Community Gardens

Staff reported that the proposal is to fund ongoing community garden services provided by the San Francisco League of Urban Gardeners (SLUG) City-wide. In addition to ongoing services, the focus of the program in the next fiscal year is the development of new community gardens at Page Street Mini Park and Brooks Park. Staff recommended a Priority 1 for the project and a preliminary allocation of $150,000.

McGuire asked to be excused from voting on the proposal due to a potential conflict of interest (McGuire is a member of the Board of Directors for SLUG).

It was moved by Viera and seconded by Gaar to excuse McGuire from voting on this project. The Committee unanimously approved the motion.

Elmo Wright (SLUG) spoke in support of funding the project.

The Committee unanimously approved a Priority 1 for the project.

It was moved by Weaver and seconded by Gaar to approve a preliminary allocation of $150,000 for the project. The motion was unanimously approved.

Transportation Program - Randall Museum

Staff reported that there are adequate funds in the project account to fully fund transportation for children from high need neighborhoods to the Randall Museum. Therefore, staff recommended a Priority 1, but no funding at this time.

Amy Dawson (Randall Museum) spoke in support of the program.

The Committee unanimously approved a Priority 2 for the project.

Athletic Field Acquisition & Development

Staff reported that no site has been identified for acquisition, although there is funding through a mitigation fund to develop a soccer field at the Richmond Sunset Sewage Plant (adjacent to Beach Chalet Soccer Field). There are several factors, however, that preclude development at this site in the immediate future, including approval of the Board of Supervisors in order to release funds to begin design, the recommendation of DPW to delay development until the site grades are settled and the need to use the area for a construction staging area related to the Golden Gate Park Bond projects is resolved. In addition, staff stated that the Department's position is to reprogram funds in this category to abate the Fund deficit and to fund the construction of the Richmond Recreation Center. Staff recommended a Priority 2 for the project.

Ric Olivas (San Francisco Soccer League) spoke in support of continued funding for the project.

Weaver stated that the funds in this account should be preserved (rather than diverted to other uses such as King Pool) and more funds allocated due to pressing need. C. Wilson stated that he disagreed with Weaver and supported the staff proposal to abate the deficit and fund projects such as Richmond Recreation Center and King Pool. Vela stated that the School District should contribute to resolving the lack of soccer fields in the City.

The Committee approved a Priority 2 as follows:

Priority 1: Calder, Coffino, Gaar, Hanagan, Henne, Landis, Weaver

Priority 2: Bell, Campbell, Fox, Lawson, Louie, McGuire, Miguel, She, Supriano, Vela, Viera, C. Wilson

Priority 3: None

King Pool

Staff reported that the proposal is to fund the construction of a new pool facility at Bayview Park (King Pool) and recommended a Priority 1 for the project. Staff recommended a preliminary allocation of $2,556,000.

Miguel distributed a letter from Elizabeth Sullivan of the Neighborhood Parks Council explaining that her research with the City of Portland showed that the construction of a similar pool facility cost approximately $5 million. Staff reported that the cost estimate of $8.2 million is the total project budget, including construction, soft costs, demolition, design and construction management. The construction budget for King Pool is approximately $5 million. Staff also reported that the architect retained by the Department of Public Works (DPW) is funded through the project budget and that the total soft costs associated with DPW is approximately 30% (which is considered consistent with the private sector).

Prindle reported that approximately $1.1 million in Department surplus funds (San Francisco 49er playoffs and Camp Mather revenue) will be used for King Pool, as well as $500,000 that will be reprogrammed from accessibility improvements at 3COM Park. Miguel reported that he attended a recent meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission, where the San Francisco 49er's stated that they wanted to become more involved in the Bayview neighborhood.

Gaar suggested the item be deferred to allow more time to contact members of the community. There was also a discussion of the future maintenance of the facility. Vela stated that there has been much discussion on this issue and many Committee members would like to fund the project, but not by diverting funds from other projects. Vela suggested that the discussion should focus on the preliminary funding allocation, rather than the merits of the project.

The Committee unanimously approved a Priority 1 for the project.

It was moved by Weaver and seconded by Fox to approve a preliminary allocation of $712,000 for the project. The Committee disapproved the motion as follows:

Ayes: Bell, Calder, Fox, Gaar, Hanagan, Henne, Landis, McGuire, Weaver

Noes: Campbell, Coffino, Lawson, Louie, Miguel, She, Supriano, Vela, Viera, C. Wilson

It was moved by Louie to approve a preliminary allocation of $2 million for the project. The motion died due to a lack of a second.

It was moved by Vela and seconded by Henne to approve a preliminary allocation $1 million for the project. The Committee approved the motion as follows:

Ayes: Bell, Calder, Coffino, Fox, Gaar, Hanagan, Henne, McGuire, Miguel, She, Vela, Weaver

Noes: Campbell, Landis, Lawson, Louie, Supriano, Viera, Wilson

- Viera left the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

North Beach Pool

Staff reported that the project is ready for bid, but there is a budget shortfall of approximately $200,000. Staff recommended a Priority 1 for the project, however, no funds from the Fiscal Year 1998-99 Program were recommended. Rather, the $200,000 for North Beach Pool (as well as funding for King Pool) would be from reprogrammed funds from other projects (such as Natural Areas Acquisition, South of Market Park, transfer of disabled access funds from 3COM Park, Surplus Department revenue, Tenderloin Preschool, and Visitation Valley - Reis Tract).

McGuire stated the project deserves the support of the Committee, but was concerned about the staff proposed source of funding.

Louie stated that he disagreed with the staff proposal to reprogram funds from various projects to fund the North Beach Pool proposal, but rather, supported allocation of sufficient funds for the project from the Fiscal Year 1998-99 Program in order to complete the project.

The Committee unanimously approved a Priority 1 for the project.

It was moved by Louie and seconded by Weaver to approve a preliminary allocation of $200,000 for the project. The Committee unanimously approved the motion.

Real Estate Support

Staff recommended a Priority 1 and a preliminary allocation of $50,000. It was noted that the recommended allocation has been reduced from $100,000 to $50,000 due to reduced property acquisitions.

The Committee unanimously approved a Priority 1 for the proposal.

It was moved by Vela and seconded by Calder to approve a preliminary allocation of $50,000 for the proposal. The Committee unanimously approved the motion.

Recreation Programs

Staff reported that the proposal is to fund recreation staff for the following programs:

- Chinatown Park ($150,000 - 3 staff)
- McLaren Day Camp ($60,000 - 2 seasonal staff)
- Tenderloin Recreation Center ($225,000 - 5 staff)

There was a discussion of whether the proposal to fund recreation staff at Oceanview could be included in this program, as the Oceanview area was not identified as a "high need" area in the City General Plan

The Committee unanimously approved a Priority 1 for the Program.

It was moved by Weaver and seconded by Louie to approve a preliminary allocation of $435,000 for the program as proposed by staff. The Committee unanimously approved the motion.

Richmond Recreation Center

Staff reported that the contract has been awarded, but budget shortfalls are anticipated (such as the presence of toxic substances on the site). Therefore, staff recommended a Priority 1 for the project and reprogramming of funds ($100,000 from Athletic Field Development and $120,000 from Coffman Pool).

Louie stated that the project should be a Priority 1, but the reprogramming of funds from other projects was a concern.

The Committee unanimously approved a Priority 1 for the project.

It was moved by Louie and seconded by McGuire to approve a preliminary allocation of $220,000 from the Acquisition and Development category of the Fiscal Year 1998-99 Program (and not from previously funded projects). The Committee unanimously approved the motion.

Urban Forestry

Staff stated that the proposal is to continue funding of the Urban Forestry Program. The Open Space Fund legislation provides for funding of Urban Forestry (as set forth in the City General Plan) in two funding categories (both Renovation and Development). The Recreation and Open Space Element of the City General Plan includes a policy to maintain and expand the urban forest, including the reforestation of City parks. The policy also states that the magnitude of this reforestation effort is beyond the current scope of existing tree budgets and maintenance programs, and that a farsighted program is needed. Therefore, staff recommended a Priority 1 for the program and a preliminary allocation of $475,000.

There was a discussion of allocations for this program in previous years and the appropriateness of funding this program through the Open Space Fund.

The Committee approved a Priority 1 as follows:

Priority 1: Bell, Calder, Campbell, Coffino, Fox, Hanagan, Landis, Lawson, Louie, McGuire, Miguel, She, Supriano, Vela

Priority 2: Henne, C. Wilson

Priority 3: Gaar, Weaver

It was moved by Gaar and seconded by Bell to approve a preliminary allocation of $275,000 as follows:

Ayes: Bell, Calder, Campbell, Coffino, Fox, Gaar, Hanagan, Henne, Landis, Lawson, Louie, McGuire, Miguel, She, Supriano, Vela, C. Wilson

Noes: Weaver

Staff Recommended Priority 3 Projects

The Committee unanimously approved a Priority 3 for the following projects:

- Bernal Heights Banks
- Chinatown Park
- Hayes Valley Lots
- Recreation Staff: Oceanview
- Tenderloin Preschool Site

Staff Recommended Priority 2 Projects

The Committee unanimously approved a Priority 2 for the following projects:

- Boeddeker Park Center
- India Basin Shoreline Park
- Japan Peace Plaza
- Lessing/Sears Mini Park Extension
- Randall Museum: Master Plan Implementation
- Regional Trails
- Saint Mary's Square Rooftop
- South of Market Park
- Visitacion Valley - Reis Tract

Bruce Williams (Trust for Public Land) spoke in support of acquiring the Visitacion Valley - Reis Tract.

Reservoir Development

The Committee unanimously approved a Priority 3 for the project.

Tule Elk Park

At the request of the Co-Chairs, this item was deferred to the meeting of January 26, 1998.

Skateboard Park - Crocker Amazon Playground

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PUBLIC COMMENT

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Ed W. Regan spoke in support of establishing a library at golf courses in the City.

MEMBERS ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS

Coffino announced summer workshops through the Neighborhood Parks Council. If members are interested, they should contact Elizabeth Sullivan at the Neighborhood Parks Council (621-3260).

McGuire announced that SLUG has made urban herbals (flavored oils) available for purchase to support the community garden program.

Miguel announced that the new President of the Recreation and Park Commission is Yvette Flunder and the new Vice President is Eugene Friend. There is a hearing on the budget tomorrow, January 22 from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. at the Randall Museum and Thursday, January 29 at the County Fair Building.

Lawson stated that he had received a letter from Supervisor Katz expressing regret over his upcoming retirement and offering thanks for many years of service. Lawson showed the Committee a certificate of honor signed by the Board of Supervisors and encouraged other members to seek recognition from their supervisors upon retiring.

Shotland stated that the Department of City Planning is in the process of revising the Open Space Element of the General Plan. Miguel stated that the Committee is interested and available to have input and that periodic updates from the Department of City Planning would be appreciated.

Coffino stated that if there is a meeting with the Mayor on Friday or Monday, Miguel would not be present. If members are interested in attending this meeting, they should contact Coffino.

The Co-Chairs requested an agenda item for the January 27 meeting on whether to add an additional meeting for Saturday, January 31, 1998

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:05 p.m. The next scheduled meeting will be on Tuesday, January 27, 1998 at 6:30 p.m. in the Commission Room, McLaren Lodge, Fell and Stanyan Streets, Golden Gate Park.

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PARK AND OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, January 20, 1998 - 6:30 p.m.
McLaren Lodge - Commission Room
Fell and Stanyan Streets, Golden Gate Park

AGENDA

1. Roll Call

2. Approval of Minutes of January 13, 1998

3. Open Space Fund Deficit - Discussion and Possible Action

4. Letter to the Mayor Regarding the Open Space Fund Deficit and King Pool (Requested by McGuire) - Discussion and Possible Action

5. Renovation Projects: Discussion and Possible Preliminary Action
   Athletic Field Rehabilitation (Crocker Amazon Baseball Field and various soccer fields)
   Little Hollywood Playground - Children's Play Area
   Rochambeau Playground - Renovation of Clubhouse and Play Area

6. Acquisition and Development Projects: Discussion and Possible Preliminary Action

   Staff Recommended Priority 1 Projects
   City Attorney Support
   Community Garden Program
   King Pool
   North Beach Pool
   Real Estate Support
   Recreation Programs:
   - Chinatown Staff
   - McLaren Day Camp Staff
   - Tenderloin Recreation Center Staff

Richmond Recreation Center
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Transportation Program: Randall Museum
Urban Forestry

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2. Members Announcements/Requests

3. Adjournment

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   Edgehill Mountain Open Space Extension
   Esprit Park
   Minna Street Mini Park
   Natural Areas Acquisition
   Natural Areas Implementation
   North Mission Open Space
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   Skate Board Park - Crocker Amazon Playground
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MINUTES
Park and Open Space Citizens Advisory Committee
Tuesday, January 27, 1998
McLaren Lodge, Golden Gate Park

ROLL CALL

Members Present:	Ailene Coffino, Co-Chair; Gaeta Bell, Acting Co-Chair; Allen Calder, Kevin Fox, Gregory J. Gaar, M. Terri Hanagan, Bette Landis, Carol Lane, Henry Louie, Nan McGuire, Gregory Rocca, Camille She, Harold Supriano, Julia Viera, Alan Weaver, Claude Wilson, and Jane Winslow.
Members Excused:	Ina Dearman, Maurice Campbell, Jeffrey Henne, Ron Miguel
Members Absent:	Mauricio Vela
Vacant Seats:	Katz (vice Lawson)
Staff Present:	Carol Tatum, Assistant to the General Manager; Deborah Learner, Planner; Joanne Wilson, Planner; Raphael Breines, Planning Intern, of the Recreation and Park Department; and Stephen Shotland of the City Planning Department.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of January 20, 1998 were amended to include the following:

- C. Wilson requested that the second sentence of the third paragraph under "Athletic Field Acquisition & Development" on page 7 be deleted and replaced by the following statement: *C. Wilson stated in response that it was a mischaracterization that the Mayor's office was the cause of antagonism between communities concerning the King Pool, but felt it was continuous statements from certain members of the Committee that contributed to enflaming the community.*

- McGuire requested that page 13, second paragraph be amended to state the "Urban Herbals" are jams, vinegar and salsas (not flavored oils as stated in the minutes).

- Coffino requested that the second sentence in the first paragraph under "Open Space Fund Deficit" on page 2 be deleted and replaced by the following statement: *Coffino stated that she disagreed with this opinion and suggested that the Committee could choose to challenge the City Attorney's written opinion.*

- Coffino also requested that the following statement be added at the end of the first paragraph on page 3: *Rabinowitz stated that she was not opposed to the idea of art classes in other facilities throughout the City.*

- Gaar requested that the minutes be amended on page 1 to show that he did not move the approval of the minutes of January 13, 1998.

It was moved by C. Wilson and seconded by Supriano to approve the minutes of January 20, 1998 as amended. The Committee unanimously approved the motion.

OPEN SPACE FUND DEFICIT

It was moved by McGuire and seconded by Fox to defer the discussion of the Open Space Fund deficit until after the preliminary allocation process has been completed. The Committee unanimously approved the motion.

COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE

Staff reported that the Committee has several agenda items to complete in the next two scheduled Tuesday evening meetings and two scheduled Saturday meetings. There was a discussion of substituting an additional Tuesday night meeting (February 17, 1998) for a Saturday meeting. It was the consensus of the Committee to cancel the Saturday meeting of January 31, 1998 and to continue this agenda item to the meeting of February 3, 1998.

ACQUISITION AND DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

Skateboard Park - Crocker Amazon

Staff reported that the project budget for a skateboard park at Crocker Amazon Playground is approximately $175,000. Currently the funding shortfall for the project is $75,000. The preliminary staff recommendation is a priority 1 with an allocation of $75,000.

Torin Coffino, Adam Peretz, Miles Wilkinson and Matt Allard spoke in support of the project. A letter of support was submitted by Sam Banning.

There was a discussion of whether the proposed skateboard park could be used for competitive events and the locations of other existing and proposed skateboard parks in the City.

The Committee unanimously approved a Priority 1 for the project. It was moved by McGuire and seconded by Rocca to approve a preliminary allocation of $75,000. The Committee unanimously approved the motion.

- Weaver joined the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

Minna Street Mini Park

Staff reported that the proposal is to develop a 4,800 square foot site at 7th and Minna Streets (currently owned by Asian Neighborhood Design) as a mini park. Funding for acquisition of the site was provided by the Redevelopment Agency. The Mayor's Office of Community Development will partially fund development of the site as a park. The park would be designed for children under nine years of age and would be adjacent to an affordable housing project sponsored by Asian Neighborhood Design.

Ada Chan (Asian Neighborhood Design) spoke in support of the project and stated that at the moment, Asian Neighborhood Design is seeking Recreation and Park Department input into the design development of the project. In the long term, Asian Neighborhood Design is seeking maintenance funding through the Open Space Program once the park is completed and deeded to the City.

Manuel, Gabriela Villanalos, Carl Bascon, Romell Sunga, Jason, Rolan Buevarra and Anna Yee spoke in support of the project.

The Committee unanimously approved a Priority 2 for the project

Edgehill Mountain Open Space Extension

Staff reported that the request is to acquire property on Kensington Way from Ulloa to Vasquez Streets, and extending to Edgehill Way. A preliminary estimated value (provided by the community) for 14 lots is $1,030,000. $50,000 was allocated in Fiscal year 1997-1998 as a seed project. The Open Space Element of the City's General Plan was amended to include only those lots contiguous with the existing park property. Lots with existing single family homes are not recommended for acquisition because it would be contrary to City policy and also there are other means available to the community to preserve open space on these lots (i.e., voluntary deed restriction initiated by the property

owners). Staff recommended a Priority 2 for the project and indicated that at a future meeting, staff would be recommending the reprogramming of the $50,000 previously allocated for this project.

Tim Colon, Beth Alberts, Greg James, Steve Saucci, Duan Reynolds, and Joan Kingery (all representing the Edgehill Mountain Open Space Committee) spoke in support of the project and distributed a summary of their presentation including volunteer efforts and fundraising.

Although they all did not speak, approximately 35 people attended the meeting in support of the project.

The Committee discussed the topography of the site (steep slopes), cost estimates for purchase of the parcels provided by the community, formation of a homeowners association to purchase the lots or develop and implement deed restrictions, the shift in the latter half of the Open Space Program from acquisition to development, the progress of the community in raising funds and in-kind services, the commitment of the Committee to the Seed Program, the potential donation of land by the owner of Lot 37 in Block 2934, the procedure for building permit applications filed on properties identified as suitable for acquisition as open space in the City General Plan, scarcity of funds due to Open Space Fund deficit and competing project needs, and the separation of the project into two separate projects (upper and lower lots).

Rocca requested that he be allowed to abstain from voting on the project because he professionally represents some of the persons speaking in support of the project. It was moved by McGuire and seconded by Calder to allow Rocca to abstain from Committee votes on Edgehill Mountain Open Space Extension due to a potential conflict of interest. The motion was unanimously approved by the Committee.

It was moved by Viera and seconded by Lane to split the project into two separate projects for consideration by the Committee as follows:

- Edgehill Mountain Open Space Extension I: 6 lots shown in orange on the map presented by the community (generally, the upper lots fronting on Edgehill Way) Lot 67 in Assessors Block 2923 and Lots 10, 11, 12, 13, and 21 in Assessors Block 2934.

- Edgehill Mountain Open Space Extension II: 14 lots shown in blue on the map presented by the community (generally, the lower lots along Kensington Way) Lots 10A, 11, 12, 24, 25, 26, 27 and 37 in Assessors Block 2923.

The Committee unanimously approved the motion.

The Committee unanimously approved a Priority 1 for Edgehill Mountain Open Space Extension I. It was moved by McGuire and seconded by Viera to approve a preliminary allocation of $5,000 for the project. The Committee unanimously approved the motion.

The Committee approved a Priority 2 for Edgehill Mountain Open Space Extension II as follows:

Priority 1: None

Priority 2: Bell, Calder, Coffino, Fox, Gaar, Hanagan, Landis, Louie, McGuire, She, Supriano, Viera, Weaver, Winslow

Priority 3: Lane, C. Wilson

Esprit Park

At the request of the Co-Chairs, this item was deferred to the meeting of February 3, 1998.

Natural Areas Acquisition

Staff reported that the Department is pursuing acquisition of 6 parcels on Hawk Hill, several parcels on Palou-Phelps hillside, and all three lots on the 15th Avenue Steps site from willing sellers. The Recreation and Park Commission has approved a resolution asking the Board of Supervisors to proceed with eminent domain on Hawk Hill, however, the Board of Supervisors has not acted on legislation to approve the use of eminent domain at the request of the Department. Staff recommended a Priority 2 for the project.

Harold Wright (Forest Hill Association) spoke in support of the project and distributed a support letter from Mike Vasey (San Francisco State University, Biology Department) and several other support letters. Jake Sigg (California Native Plant Society) spoke in support of the project.

There was a discussion of the status of the various natural areas acquisition projects (sites identified with willing sellers and the status of the eminent domain process), the need to preserve natural resources and habitat, the past actions of the Committee in support of funding for the Natural Areas Program, an upcoming staff recommendation to reprogram some funds from the project, other sites included in the funding category (Aqua Vista), competing needs for the Open

Space Fund (safe neighborhood parks and playgrounds, particularly for children), the benefits of natural resources for children, and the focus in the latter half of the Open Space Program on development (rather than acquisition).

The Committee could not obtain the minimum 12 votes required for a determining a priority for the project. Therefore, the project was deferred to the meeting of February 3, 1998.

Natural Areas Implementation

Staff reported that this is an ongoing program that has greatly developed over the last year. A Natural Areas team leader has been hired (Lisa Wayne), as well as two gardeners. In addition, negotiations are in progress with an environmental consultant to inventory sites, make site specific recommendations, and further develop the Natural Areas Program. Because there are ample funds in the project account to cover program costs over the next fiscal year, staff recommended a Priority 2.

The Committee approved a Priority 2 as follows:

Priority 1: Gaar,

Priority 2: Bell, Calder, Coffino, Fox, Hanagan, Landis, Lane, Louie, McGuire, Rocca, She, Supriano, Viera, Weaver, C. Wilson, Winslow

Priority 3: None

Tule Elk Park

Staff reported that this funding request is for weekend staff at Tule Elk Park, which is a large asphalt area transformed into a children's park at the Yerba Buena Children's Center (2110 Greenwich Street). After School or Latch Key Program funds for staff at this site are included in the current budget and the budget for the next fiscal year under Administration and Maintenance. It would be inappropriate to fund the project under the Acquisition and Development category because the program does not serve children from high need areas as identified in the City's General Plan. Since there is funding for this project under another category, staff recommended a Priority 3 for the project.

Lynne Juarez spoke in support of the project.

The Committee unanimously approved a Priority 3 for the project.

North Mission Open Space

Staff reported that the request is to acquire a site in the North Mission area for a mini park with play equipment. Several sites are under consideration, but at this time, there is no feasible site (unwilling sellers, other competing uses such as low-cost housing). To date, $400,000 has been banked and it is estimated that $1,000,000 will be needed to purchase a site. Staff recommended a Priority 2 for the project.

Oscar Wolters-Duran spoke in support of the project.

The Committee discussed the various sites under consideration (Mortuary site, School District site, large site with prohibitive cost), the possibility of including the project in the Seed Program, and the need for open space in this neighborhood.

The Committee approved a Priority 1 for the project as follows:

Priority 1: Bell, Calder, Coffino, Gaar, Hanagan, Landis, Lane, Louie, McGuire, She, Viera, Weaver, Winslow

Priority 2: Fox, Rocca, Supriano, C. Wilson

Priority 3: None

It was moved by Weaver and seconded by McGuire to approve a preliminary allocation of $100,000. The Committee approved the motion as follows:

Ayes: Bell, Calder, Coffino, Fox, Gaar, Hanagan, Landis, Lane, Louie, McGuire, She, Supriano, Viera, Weaver, Winslow

Noes: Rocca, C. Wilson

Sharon Arts Studio - New Site

Staff reported that there are insufficient funds in the project account to purchase the site on Hayes Street identified by the Sharon staff as a suitable site. Staff recommended a Priority 2 for the project.

Caroline Rabinowitz, Robin Smith and Pat Wynner Evans spoke in support of the project. Although they all did not speak, approximately 10 people attended the meeting in support of the project.

The Committee discussed the need to support the Sharon Arts Program, the potential use of the existing Sharon Building as a restaurant, the level of commitment of the General Manager to keeping the Sharon Arts Program at the current location, and the upcoming staff proposal to reprogram banked funds.

The Committee approved a Priority 1 as follows:

Priority 1: Bell, Calder, Coffino, Fox, Gaar, Hanagan, Landis, Louie, McGuire, She, Supriano, Viera, Weaver, Winslow

Priority 2: Lane, Rocca, C. Wilson

Priority 3: None

It was moved by Weaver and seconded by Fox to approve a preliminary allocation of $1000 for the project. The motion was approved as follows:

Ayes: Bell, Calder, Coffino, Fox, Gaar, Hanagan, Landis, Louie, McGuire, Rocca, She, Supriano, Viera, Weaver, Winslow

Noes: Lane, C. Wilson

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Drew Detsch (Friends of Esprit Park) distributed a park information packet for new members of the Committee.

Ed W. Regan spoke in support of libraries and fire stations in parks and requested a copy of the General Manager's report from the previous year.

MEMBERS ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS

Coffino reported that no progress has been made in scheduling a meeting with the Mayor. In the meantime, Coffino received a letter from the Mayor encouraging her to meet with General Manager Joel Robinson. Coffino read the following excerpt from the Mayor's letter: *However, it is also my intent to use as little Open Space money as possible, so that we can continue to fund the projects supported by the members of this committee.*

McGuire reported that she delivered the letter to the Mayor as discussed at the meeting of January 20, 1998.

Coffino announced that she sent a letter to the Koshland Family expressing appreciation for their donation of funds, with copies to the Mayor, Board of Supervisors, and the President of the Recreation and Park Commission.

Coffino announced that Lawson has retired from the Committee and stated that a gift basket of Urban Herbals will be delivered to him in appreciation. In addition, it was the consensus of the Committee to have the Co-Chairs write a letter of appreciation and recognition to Lawson.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m. The next scheduled meeting will be on Tuesday, February 3, 1998 at 6:30 p.m. in the Commission Room, McLaren Lodge, Fell and Stanyan Streets, Golden Gate Park.

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3. Staff Report - Distribution of Draft Five Year Plan

4. Renovation Projects: Discussion and Possible Preliminary Action
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   - Rochambeau Playground - Clubhouse
   - Rochambeau Playground - Children's Play Area

5. Acquisition and Development Projects: Discussion and Possible Preliminary Action
   - Esprit Park
   - Natural Areas Acquisition

6. Proposition J Maintenance Budget: Discussion and Possible Preliminary Action

7. Proposition E Administration and Maintenance Budget: Discussion and Possible Preliminary Action

8. After School Program Budget: Discussion and Possible Preliminary Action

9. Open Space Fund Deficit - Proposed Abatement Plan: Discussion and Possible Action

10. Reprogramming of Funds to King Pool and North Beach Pool: Discussion and Possible Action

11. Committee Meeting Schedule: Discussion and Possible Action

12. Public Comment

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14. Adjournment

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ROLL CALL

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Vacant Seats	Katz (vice Lawson)
Staff Present:	Ernie Prindle, Acting Assistant General Manager; Charlene Nichols, Southern Superintendent; Linda Woo, Assistant Superintendent (Northern); Lisa Wayne, Natural Areas Coordinator; Joanne Wilson, Planner; Raphael Breines, Planning Intern, of the Recreation and Park Department; and Stephen Shotland of the City Planning Department

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of January 27, 1998 were amended to show the following:

- Rocca requested that the first sentence of the fifth paragraph on Page 4 be deleted and replaced by the following sentence: *Rocca requested that he be allowed to abstain from voting on the project because he professionally represents some of the owners of the Edgehill lots in question.*

- Rocca requested that the tabulation of the votes show that he abstained.

- McGuire requested that the following sentence be added after the fourth paragraph on Page 4 regarding the Edgehill Mountain Open Space Extension: *Coffino and McGuire commended the community for the excellent work they had accomplished as part of the Seed Program. They urged the Committee to acknowledge this work by awarding a Priority 1 and some token funding in light of this year's budget constraints.*

It was moved by Louie and seconded by C. Wilson to approve the minutes of January 27, 1998 as amended.

STAFF REPORTS

Staff distributed copies of the draft Five Year Plan for review.

RENOVATION PROJECTS

Little Hollywood Playground - Children's Play Area

Ralph Oroquita and Ron Gibson, spoke in support of the project and also requested funding for a new clubhouse and irrigation improvements.

There was a discussion of the condition of the existing play structures and the need to possibly replace hardware on specific structures (such as the swings), the need for maintenance only, a request for a new clubhouse, adding Little Hollywood Playground to the Irrigation Fund, and including the project in the Seed Fund Program.

- Vela joined the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

The Committee approved a Priority 1 as follows:

Priority 1: Bell, Campbell, Dearman, Hanagan, Henne, Landis, Lane, She, Supriano, Vela, Viera, C. Wilson

Priority 2: Calder, Coffino, Fox, Gaar, Louie, McGuire, Miguel, Rocca, Weaver, Winslow

Priority 3: None

It was moved by C. Wilson and seconded by Viera to approve a preliminary allocation of $25,000. The Committee approved the motion as follows:

Ayes: Bell, Calder, Campbell, Dearman, Hanagan, Henne, Landis, She, Supriano, Vela, Viera, C. Wilson

Noes: Coffino, Fox, Gaar, Lane, Louie, McGuire, Miguel, Rocca, Weaver, Winslow

Rochambeau Playground - Clubhouse

There was a discussion of the condition of the existing clubhouse and restrooms (closed) and the need for renovation (increases use of the facility) versus maintenance.

The Committee approved a Priority 1 as follows:

Priority 1: Bell, Campbell, Coffino, Dearman, Fox, Gaar, Henne, Landis, Louie, McGuire, She, Supriano, Viera, C. Wilson, Winslow

Priority 2: Calder, Hanagan, Lane, Miguel, Rocca, Vela, Weaver

Priority 3: None

It was moved by McGuire and seconded by Dearman to approve a preliminary allocation of $25,000 for the project. The Committee approved the motion as follows:

Ayes: Bell Calder, Campbell, Coffino, Dearman, Fox, Gaar, Hanagan, Henne, Landis, Louie, McGuire, She, Supriano, Vela, Viera, C. Wilson, Winslow

Noes: Lane, Miguel, Rocca, Weaver

Rochambeau Playground - Children's Play Area

The Committee unanimously approved a Priority 2 for the project.

ACQUISITION AND DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

Esprit Park

Prindle reported that the Department has met with the Trust for Public Land, the property owner (Esprit Corporation) and the Real Estate Department, and is striving to develop a financing scheme. The owners are asking for $2 million for the site and $300,000 is banked. Prindle recommended a Priority 2 for the project.

Mariuccia Iaconi, Walton Chang, Frank Kingman, Lynn Brown, Carmen Siegal, Drew Detsch, Thomas Byrd, Nancy Spangler, (all of the Friends of Esprit Park), and Bruce Williams (The Trust for Public Land) spoke in support of the project.

Although they all did not speak, Sharon Cassidy, Lea Vlacos, Meb Gordon, Vernon Smith, Rhonda Kingman, Linda James, Robert Bernbach, Karen Johnson and David Siegel (all of the Friends of Esprit Park) and Jean Neblett and Richard Millet (both of the Potrero Hill Boosters Club) indicated that they supported the project.

There was a discussion of land values, other sources of funding (private), unlikely possibility of corporate income tax credit and/or property tax credit for Esprit for a donation of property to the City, Mayor Brown's involvement, urgency of acquisition and the potential loss of the existing park due to competing development, difficulty in obtaining grants for land acquisition, the role of the Trust for Public Land and the Real Estate Department in negotiating with the property owner and acquiring the site, rapid development and lack of other open space in the immediate vicinity of the project site, nearby Mission Bay development (including UCSF campus) and the potential for donation of funds from UCSF, exactions from live-work unit development for open space, and fundraising by the community ($42,000 total, including $22,000 in cash donations).

The Committee approved a Priority 1 as follows:

Priority 1: Bell, Calder, Campbell, Coffino, Dearman, Fox, Gaar, Hanagan, Henne, Landis, Lane, Louie, McGuire, Miguel, Rocca, She, Supriano, Vela, Viera, Weaver, Winslow

Priority 2: C. Wilson

Priority 3: None

It was moved by Henne and seconded by Landis to approve a preliminary allocation of $800,000 for the project. The Committee approved the motion as follows:

Ayes: Bell, Calder, Campbell, Coffino, Dearman, Hanagan, Henne, Landis, Lane, Louie, McGuire, Miguel, She, Supriano, Viera, Weaver, Winslow

Noes: Fox, Gaar, Rocca, Vela, C. Wilson

Natural Areas Acquisition

Harold Wright, Michael Bolechowski, Judy Siu, and Bruce Krell (all of the Forest Hill Association), Katie Balestreri (Dewey Circle Beautification Project), Randolph R. Scott, and Kay Yanemoto spoke in support of the acquisition of Hawk Hill and Natural Areas Acquisition.

Jake Sigg, David Graves and Michaela Pichler (both of Environmental Education), Pete Holloran (California Native Plant Society), Adrian Stroganoff, Keith Grier (Recreation Director, McLaren Park), Sidney Kass, Arthur Feinstein, Dana Lanza, Barbara Deutsch, Margo Bors, John Rizzo (Sierra Club), Alan Hopkins (Audubon Society), Phil Hoehn and Janet Carpinelli spoke in support of Natural Areas Acquisition.

Although they did not speak, Karen Griffin Robbins and James Ansbro indicated their support of the acquisition of Hawk Hill and/or Natural Areas Acquisition.

- Hanagan left the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

There was a discussion of the offers made to the various property owners, the acquisition of parcels from willing sellers of property on Hawk Hill (six lots), Palou Phelps (13 lots) and 15th Avenue Steps (3 lots), reprogramming of funds to the development of King Pool and the resulting lack of funds to pursue eminent domain of lots from unwilling sellers on Hawk Hill, opportunities for funding of Natural Areas Acquisition in the future, and potential fundraising (Seed Program) from communities adjacent to natural areas (such as Hawk Hill).

The Committee approved a priority 1 as follows:

Priority 1: Bell, Calder, Coffino, Dearman, Fox, Gaar, Henne, Louie, McGuire, Miguel, Vela, Viera, Weaver, Winslow

Priority 2: Campbell, Landis, Lane, Rocca, She, Supriano, C. Wilson

Priority 3: None

It was moved by Weaver and seconded by Calder to approve a preliminary allocation of $500,000 for the acquisition of Natural Areas. The Committee approved the motion as follows:

Ayes: Bell, Calder, Coffino, Dearman, Fox, Gaar, Henne, Landis, McGuire, Miguel, Weaver, Winslow

Noes: Campbell, Lane, Louie, Rocca, She, Supriano, Vela, Viera, C. Wilson

It was moved by Weaver and seconded by Gaar to draft a letter to the Mayor, Recreation and Park Commission, General Manager of the Recreation and Park Department, and the Director of the Real Estate Department urging the reversal of the proposal to rescind funding of the Natural Areas Acquisition project. The Committee approved the motion as follows:

Ayes: Bell, Calder, Campbell, Coffino, Dearman, Fox, Gaar, Henne, Landis, Louie, McGuire, Miguel, Rocca, She, Supriano, Vela, Viera, Weaver, C. Wilson, Winslow

Noes: Lane

Weaver stated that he would draft the letter.

PROPOSITION J MAINTENANCE BUDGET

Prindle distributed a memorandum and reported that the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 1998-99 for Proposition J Maintenance consists primarily of labor (112 positions, $5,277,757). Non-salary budget items were identified ($722,243), bringing the total proposed budget to $6,000,000.

There was a discussion of the maintenance of specific parks, and the tracking of actual maintenance costs at over 200 facilities.

It was moved by Winslow and seconded by Rocca to accept the Department's proposed budget for Proposition J Maintenance. The Committee unanimously approved the motion.

PROPOSITION E ADMINISTRATION AND MAINTENANCE BUDGET

Prindle distributed a spreadsheet and reported that the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 1998-99 for Proposition E Administration and Maintenance included one new position for Chinatown Park (which came on-line this year), a volunteer coordinator, and various contractual services (including funding of the Golden Gate Park Master Plan). The total budget proposed for Proposition E Administration and Maintenance is $1,367,792. Prindle also reported that a new Volunteer Coordinator has been hired and including the new-hire, there are a total of three volunteer coordinators in the budget.

There was a discussion of reducing funding for Tule Elk Park by 50%, because of a salary savings resulting from fewer hours of operation than anticipated. It was moved by Winslow and seconded by Landis to reduce the budget for Tule Elk Park from $9,500 to $4,750 in the Proposition E Administration and Maintenance Budget. The Committee unanimously approved the motion.

It was moved by Rocca and seconded by Winslow to accept the Department's proposed budget for Proposition E Administration and Maintenance Budget with the amendment to reduce funding for Tule Elk Park and excluding the $50,000 proposed for the Golden Gate Park Master Plan. The Committee unanimously approved the motion.

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM BUDGET

Prindle distributed a memo and reported that the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 1998-99 for the After School Program consists primarily of labor (36 positions, $1,667,238). Non-salary budget items were identified ($132,761), bringing the total proposed budget to $1,800,000. Nichols reported that because children participate on a drop-in basis, the approximate number of children served is not known. Nichols reported that the After School Program operates five days per week, rain or shine, year-round. Nichols also stated that there is an After School Program at Eureka Valley Recreation Center that is funded by another source (not from the Open Space Fund).

There was a discussion of funding for 10 additional Latchkey sites approved by the Board of Supervisors, the difference between Latchkey and After School Programs (Latchkey is highly structured with a sign-in for children, a $10 fee and supported through the City's General Fund versus the After School Program which is less structured, operates on a drop-in basis and funded through the Open Space Fund), the return of any surplus After School Program funds from previous years to the Open Space Fund balance, the use of the After School Program funds for materials and supplies versus salaries, the recollection of a City Attorney opinion from approximately five years ago stating that After School funds may only be used

for salaries, and the need for more After School Program sites in the Bayview community and Eureka Valley.

It was moved by Weaver and seconded by Henne to recommend to the General Manager of the Recreation and Park Department to fund an After School Program at Eureka Valley Recreation Center (with an additional staff person) through the Open Space Fund. The Committee disapproved the motion as follows:

Ayes: Bell, Fox, Henne, McGuire, Weaver

Noes: Calder, Campbell, Coffino, Dearman, Gaar, Landis, Lane, Louie, Miguel, Rocca, She, Sujpriano, Vela, Viera, C. Wilson, Winslow

It was moved by Viera and seconded by Winslow to accept the Department's proposed budget for the After School Program pending verification of whether it is permitted to fund non-salary items under the After School budget. The Committee unanimously approved the motion.

- C. Wilson left the meeting at 9:45 p.m.

OPEN SPACE FUND DEFICIT - PROPOSED ABATEMENT PLAN

It was the consensus of the Committee to defer this item to the meeting of February 10, 1998.

REPROGRAMMING OF FUNDS TO KING POOL AND NORTH BEACH POOL

It was the consensus of the Committee to defer this item to the meeting of February 10, 1998.

COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE

There was a discussion of the necessity of meeting on Saturday, February 7, 1998. The consensus of the Committee was to schedule an additional meeting for Tuesday, February 17, 1998 (6:30 to 9:30 p.m.) for the purpose of approving the Five Year Plan.

It was the consensus of the Committee that during their final deliberations on the Open Space Program budget at the meeting of February 10, 1998, public comment on specific projects would be limited to a total of three minutes per project. Staff will note the time limit on the agenda for the February 10, 1998 meeting.

It was the consensus of the Committee to postpone the review and approval of the minutes for February 3, 1998 until their last meeting scheduled for February 17, 1998 to allow time to update the worksheets and mail them to the Committee in preparation for their final deliberations.

PUBLIC COMMENT

At this time, members of the public may address the Committee on items that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Park and Open Space Citizens Advisory Committee. Individual members of the public may address the Committee for up to 3 minutes.

Gentle Blythe spoke in support of funding for North Beach Pool.

MEMBERS ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS

There were no members announcements or requests

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m. The next scheduled meeting will be on Tuesday, February 10, 1998 at 6:30 p.m. in the Commission Room, McLaren Lodge, Fell and Stanyan Streets, Golden Gate Park.

Minutes prepared by

Joanne Wilson
Park Planner

Note: These minutes set forth all actions taken by the Park and Open Space Citizens Advisory Committee on matters stated, but not necessarily in the chronological order in which the matters were taken up.

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Tuesday, February 10, 1998
Tuesday, February 17, 1998

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Notice of Public Meeting
PARK AND OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Tuesday, February 10, 1998 - 6:30 p.m.
McLaren Lodge - Commission Room
Fell and Stanyan Streets, Golden Gate Park

AGENDA

1. Roll Call
2. Open Space Fund Deficit - Proposed Abatement Plan - Discussion and Possible Action
3. Reprogramming of Funds - Discussion and Possible Action:

Reprogram Funds From:	Reprogram Funds To:
• Athletic Field Acquisition • Coffman Pool	• Richmond Recreation Center
• Natural Areas Acquisition • South of Market Park • Tenderloin Preschool • Visitacion Valley - Reis Tract	• King Pool • North Beach Pool

4. Consideration of Final Fiscal Year 1998-99 Budget Recommendations - Discussion and Possible Action
5. Proposition E Administration and Maintenance Budget - Discussion and Possible Action:
   - Golden Gate Park Master Plan
6. After School Program Budget - Discussion and Possible Action:
   - Non-Salary Budget Items
7. Public Comment
8. Members Announcements/Requests
9. Adjoumment

NOTE: Public Comment on any agenda item will be limited to no more than three (3) minutes per project or subject. Large groups or organizations who wish to comment on a project or subject are encouraged to have a single representative speak for no more than three (3) minutes.

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MINUTES
Park and Open Space Citizens Advisory Committee
Tuesday, February 10, 1998
McLaren Lodge, Golden Gate Park

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Ailene Coffino, Co-Chair; Ron Miguel, Co-Chair; Gaeta Bell, Allen Calder, Maurice Campbell, Ina F. Dearman, Kevin Fox, Gregory J. Gaar, Jeffrey Henne, Carol Lane, Henry Louie, Nan McGuire, Gregory Rocca, Camille She, Harold Supriano, Mauricio Vela, Julia Viera, Alan Weaver, Claude Wilson, and Jane Winslow.

Members Excused: M. Terri Hanagan, Bette Landis

Staff Present: Ernie Prindle, Acting Assistant General Manager; Charlene Nichols, Southern Superintendent, Deborah Learner, Planner; Joanne Wilson, Planner; Raphael Breines, Planning Intern, of the Recreation and Park Department; and Stephen Shotland of the City Planning Department.

OPEN SPACE FUND DEFICIT - PROPOSED ABATEMENT PLAN

The Co-Chairs reported that several members of the Committee and Department staff had a meeting with John Madden, Assistant City Controller, in an effort to reconcile financial figures produced by the Department with those generated by the Controller's Office.

Prindle reported that according to the Controller's Office, the deficit may be as low as $1.4 million. This figure, however, needs further analysis. According to the information from the Controller's Office, there are a number of project accounts that are shown as closed in last year's budget, resulting in unused project balances applied to the abatement of the deficit. Department staff, however, noted that some of these projects are still active and should not be closed. For example, the Controller inadvertently closed the project account for the acquisition of a park site in the North Mission. Prindle also reported that there appears to be four or five projects that account for a substantial reduction of the deficit. Prindle explained that during the course of the development of a project, funds are routinely transferred to the Department of Public Works (DPW). In the process of closing project accounts, the Controller's Office shows approximately $1 million returned to the Department from DPW. These projects are still active and the Department is concerned that the project accounts are being closed inappropriately. The intent of the Department is to avoid halting

projects that are already in the construction pipeline at DPW. Therefore, there is a need for the Department to reconcile the figures produced by the Controller's Office with the Department's information. At this time, there is too much variation to report definitively the deficit amount.

It was moved by McGuire and seconded by Henne to approve the abatement of the Open Space Fund deficit by reprogramming the following project accounts, pending adjustments as the deficit is more clearly defined (which will be reported by staff at the next meeting of February 17, 1998):

Project	Funds Available
Closed Projects	$ 342,772
Budget Completed	125,275
Inactive Projects	437,355
Athletic Field Acquisition/Development	815,777
Coffman Pool	63,000
Glen Park Master Plan Improvements	9,966
Maint./Admin. Reduction	300,000
Transportation - City-Wide	41,136
Total:	**$2,135,281**

There was a discussion of the status of the various projects listed above.

The motion was approved as follows:

Ayes: Bell, Calder, Campbell, Dearman, Gaar, Henne, Lane, Louie, McGuire, Miguel, Rocca, She, Supriano, Viera, Wilson, Winslow

Noes: Coffino, Fox, Vela, Weaver,

REPROGRAMMING OF FUNDS

Prindle reported that according to the Controller's Office, property tax revenues have increased, but interest rates are down. The result is that there are no additional funds available for this year (Fiscal Year 1997-98). However, as the City's economy has improved, property values have risen. Therefore, the Controller's Office projects a 3% increase in property tax revenue for next year (Fiscal Year 1998-99). Thus, the Controller's Office projection for the Open Space Program revenue for Fiscal Year 1998-99 is $15.7 million. Until this information was known, the Department had assumed a $15 million revenue projection, which was considered to be conservative. As a result, there is now an additional $700,000 to work with for next year.

Staff proposed to reduce the maintenance budget by $400,000 (by eliminating equipment purchases, which would be funded instead by the General Fund). Therefore $5.6 million is proposed for Proposition J Maintenance, leaving a remainder of $10.1 million. The budget for the After School Program is required to be 20% of the Fund remainder or $2,020,000. Staff proposes a budget of $4,746,000 for Acquisition and Development, a budget of $1,921,000 for Renovation, and a budget of $1,413,000 for Administration and Maintenance (Proposition E). Staff recommends using the additional funds available ($1,100,000) for Acquisition and Development, including $700,000 for King Pool. Therefore, the need to divert $700,000 from Natural Areas Acquisition is avoided. According to Prindle, the General Manager has stated that he wants the additional revenue to be used to support the Acquisition and Development budget.

Prindle stated that the staff recommendation does not include restoring any budget except to Natural Areas Acquisition and adding $100,000 to Esprit Park.

- C. Wilson and Vela joined the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Caroline Rabinowitz spoke in support of continued funding support for the Sharon Arts Studio.

There was a discussion of the staff proposal to reprogram funds from Athletic Field Acquisition and Development and Coffman Pool to the Richmond Recreation Center, as opposed to funding Richmond Recreation Center out of the Fiscal Year 1998-99 Program as approved in the Committee's preliminary vote at a previous meeting. There was a discussion of using these reprogrammed monies for other Acquisition and Development projects, such as King Pool. There was also a discussion of reprogramming $747,000 from the South of Market Park to complete the abatement of the deficit, if it is determined that the deficit is the maximum amount ($2.8 million). A motion by Weaver (and seconded by Winslow) was made to this effect, and then withdrawn by Weaver.

There was a discussion of the status of the Richmond Recreation Center project. Staff stated that funding is very tight, and that in addition to the $220,000 preliminary allocation approved at a previous meeting, an additional $200,000 is needed for a total of $420,000. There was also a discussion of the need for athletic fields and efforts to work with the School District for shared-facilities.

It was moved by Henne and seconded by Dearman to approve the reprogramming of $220,000 from Athletic Development and Coffman Pool to the King Pool project. The Committee disapproved the motion as follows:

Ayes: Henne

Noes: Bell, Calder, Campbell, Coffino, Dearman, Fox, Gaar, Lane, Louie, McGuire, Miguel, Rocca, She, Supriano, Vela, Viera, Weaver, Wilson, Winslow

It was moved by Louie and seconded by Rocca to approve the reprogramming of $220,000 from Athletic Field Acquisition and Development and Coffman Pool to the Richmond Recreation Center with the proviso that this amount would be in addition to the $220,000 preliminary allocation already approved by the Committee (for a total of $440,000). The motion was approved as follows:

Ayes: Bell, Calder, Campbell, Coffino, Dearman, Gaar, Henne, Lane, Louie, McGuire, Miguel, Rocca, She, Supriano, Viera, Weaver, Wilson, Winslow

Noes: Fox, Vela

It was moved by Weaver and seconded by C. Wilson to have the Co-Chairs write a letter to the General Manager formally requesting that he aggressively pursue City surplus funds for the purpose of funding King Pool and to abate the Open Space Fund deficit. The Committee unanimously approved the motion.

Harold Wright spoke in support of preserving the fund balance for Natural Areas Acquisition.

It was moved by Weaver and seconded by Vela to approve the staff recommendation to preserve the current fund balance for Natural Areas Acquisition (and therefore, to rescind an earlier recommendation to reprogram $700,000 from Natural Areas Acquisition to King Pool). The Committee unanimously approved the motion.

There was a discussion of the staff proposal to reprogram $2.3 million from the South of Market Park project to King Pool. There was a discussion of the problems and issues associated with the unexpected proposal from the Mayor's Office or the General Manager to allocate large sums of funds toward one project in a single year. The Committee also discussed the status of the South of Market Park (development pending construction of a new school in approximately three years) and the potential impact on the community if insufficient funds are reallocated over the next three years. Prindle reported that staff had circulated a spreadsheet showing allocations of funds over the next five years for the South of Market Park as well as other projects. Prindle agreed with Committee members who stated it is unlikely that the Department would allow a property purchased for over $5 million to remain undeveloped.

It was moved by Fox and seconded by Louie to approve the reprogramming of $1.5 million from South of Market Park, $200,000 from Visitation Valley - Reis Tract acquisition, and $250,000 from the Tenderloin Preschool Park development to the King Pool project. The motion was approved as follows:

Ayes: Bell, Calder, Campbell, Coffino, Dearman, Fox, Gaar, Henne, Lane, Louie, McGuire, Miguel, Rocca, She, Supriano, Viera, Weaver, Wilson, Winslow

Noes: Vela

CONSIDERATION OF FINAL FISCAL YEAR 1998-99 BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff reported that there is now $4,746,000 available for Acquisition and Development. The Committee's preliminary allocation decisions to date total $3,886,000, leaving $860,000 available. Since there is a shortfall for King Pool, the staff recommendation was to allocate $860,000 to Acquisition and Development.

Prindle distributed a report showing a staff proposal recommending $923,782 in additional projected Fund revenue to Acquisition and Development, specifically, $700,000 for King Pool, $100,000 to Esprit Park and $123,782 to Natural Areas Acquisition.

There was a discussion of funding Acquisition and Development at the minimal level required (40%), leaving more funds available for Renovation.

It was moved by Fox and seconded by Weaver to approve the minimum allocation required (40%) for Acquisition and Development in the amount of $4,040,000, leaving an additional $706,000 for Renovation. In addition, $154,000 would remain in Acquisition and Development for King Pool ($154,000 is the difference between the original budget target for Acquisition and Development of $3,886,000 and the new target budget of $4,040,000). The Committee approved the motion as follows:

Ayes: Bell, Calder, Campbell, Coffino, Dearman, Fox, Gaar, Henne, Lane, Louie, McGuire, Miguel, Supriano, Vela, Viera, Weaver, Wilson, Winslow

Noes: Rocca, She.

Drew Detsch (Friends of Esprit Park) spoke in support of funding for Esprit Park and distributed a letter from Esprit Corporation. Mitch Thompson (Director of the Gay and Lesbian Teen Program at Eureka Valley Recreation Center) spoke in support of funding for Eureka Valley Recreation Center. Three participants in the Gay and Lesbian Teen Program also spoke in support of funding for Eureka Valley Recreation Center.

There was a discussion of the need to identify $394,000 to meet the target budget for Renovation. There was a discussion of eliminating $25,000 (each) for design from Chinese Recreation Center Playground, Helen Wills Playground, and Little Hollywood Playground (all of these projects involve the renovation of the children's play areas) and Rochambeau Playground Clubhouse. There was a discussion of the relative lack of open space and parks in Chinatown and the recent development of some new parks in Chinatown (the new Chinatown Park and Washington Hyde Park).

There was a discussion of possible reductions in the Park Renovation category and in projects in the Mission District and Visitacion Valley area, and new projects identified for FY1998-99 totaling ($130,000), and projects that will not be completed in FY1998-99 even with additional funding. There was a recommendation of only funding projects that can be completed (in terms of the project budget) in the next fiscal year.

Bruce Williams (The Trust for Public Land) spoke in support of funding for Campbell Rutland Mini Park (Reis Tract).

It was moved by Vela and seconded by C. Wilson to eliminate funding for the Franklin restroom ($120,000), reduce funding for Visitacion Valley Clubhouse by $200,000, and reduce funding for erosion control by $20,000 for an overall funding reduction of $340,000. The Committee approved the motion as follows:

Ayes: Bell, Calder, Campbell, Gaar, Lane, Louie, McGuire, Miguel, She, Supriano, Vela, Viera, Weaver, Wilson, Winslow

Noes: Coffino, Dearman, Fox, Henne, Rocca

It was moved by Weaver and seconded by Winslow to reduce the funding for Head Street Mini Park (basketball court) by $5,000 (from $30,000 to $25,000), and delete the funding for Helen Wills ($25,000) and reduce funding for Eureka Valley Recreation Center by $25,000. The Committee approved the motion as follows:

Ayes: Bell, Campbell, Dearman, Fox, Gaar, Lane, Louie, Miguel, Rocca, She, Supriano, Vela, Viera, Weaver, Wilson, Winslow

Noes: Calder, Coffino, Henne, McGuire

PROPOSITION E ADMINISTRATION AND MAINTENANCE BUDGET

Golden Gate Park Master Plan

Staff reported that Article 10 of the Recreation and Open Space Element of the City's General Plan supports the establishment and maintenance of a master plan for Golden Gate Park as a high priority. Since the Fiscal Year 1991-92 Program, $600,000 has been allocated in Open Space funds. Staff recommended an allocation of $50,000 to complete the project budget. It is expected that the environmental review for the Golden Gate Park Master Plan will be completed in April, 1998 and forwarded to the Recreation and Park Commission for review and approval in June, 1998.

There was a discussion of various aspects of the proposed Master Plan such as the goals and objectives regarding the Sharon Arts Studio, and the community process (involving a citizen task force for transportation and general issues).

It was moved by Gaar and seconded by Vela to approve the staff recommendation of $50,000. The Committee approved the motion as follows:

Ayes: Bell, Calder, Campbell, Coffino, Dearman, Fox, Gaar, Lane, Louie, McGuire, Miguel, Rocca, She, Supriano, Vela, Wilson, Winslow

Noes: Henne, Viera, Weaver

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM BUDGET

Non-Salary Budget Items

Staff reported that a review of City Attorney opinions on file in the Planning Office did not include any opinion related to the After School Program. In addition, the Department's Deputy City Attorney is on a two month leave and was not available to research her records The Co-Chairs requested that staff contact Scott Emblidge (Deputy City Attorney who may have drafted an opinion). Staff also clarified that the proposed non-salary items are expenses related to the operation of the program (materials and supplies such as art and athletic supplies) as opposed to materials related to capital expenditures.

It was moved by Viera and seconded by Lane to accept the staff recommendation for funding of non-salary items in the After School Program, contingent on clarification to be provided at the next meeting of February 17, 1998. The motion was approved as follows:

Ayes: Bell, Calder, Campbell, Dearman, Fox, Gaar, Henne, Lane, Louie, McGuire, Miguel, Rocca, She, Supriano, Vela, Viera, Weaver, Wilson, Winslow

Noes: Coffino

PUBLIC COMMENT

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Jake Sigg announced the annual Wildflower Walk on Saturday, February 21, 1998 at 9:00 a.m. (Meet in front of McLaren Lodge to organize carpool.) For more information, please contact Jake Sigg at 731-3028.

MEMBERS ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS

There were no members announcements or requests

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m. The next scheduled meeting will be on Tuesday, February 17, 1998 at 6:30 p.m. in the Commission Room, McLaren Lodge, Fell and Stanyan Streets, Golden Gate Park.

Minutes prepared by

Joanne Wilson
Park Planner

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Notice of Public Meeting
PARK AND OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Tuesday, February 17, 1998 - 6:30 p.m.
McLaren Lodge - Commission Room
Fell and Stanyan Streets, Golden Gate Park

AGENDA

1. Roll Call

2. Approval of Minutes of February 3,1998 and February 10, 1998

3. Open Space Fund Deficit - Proposed Abatement Plan: Discussion and Possible Action

4. Proposed Park and Open Space Program Fiscal Year 1998-99: Discussion and Possible Action
   - Acquisition and Development Projects (Final Budget)
   - Renovation Projects (Final Budget)
   - After School Program (Revised Budget)
   - Proposition J Maintenance Budget (Revised Budget)
   - Review of Variations between Recommended Budgets of the Open Space Citizen Advisory Committee and the Recreation and Park Department - Possible Prioritization of Projects

5. Consideration of Proposed Five Year Plan: Discussion and Possible Action

6. Committee Meeting Schedule: Discussion and Possible Action

7. Committee Business: Discussion and Possible Action
   - Election of Co-Chair
   - Proposed Meeting Schedule for the Fiscal Year 1999-2000 Program

8. Public Comment

9. Members Announcements/Requests

10. Adjournment

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MINUTES
Park and Open Space Citizens Advisory Committee
Tuesday, February 17, 1998
McLaren Lodge, Golden Gate Park

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ROLL CALL

Members Present:	Ailene Coffino, Co-Chair; Ron Miguel, Co-Chair; Gaeta Bell, Allen Calder, Maurice Campbell, Ina F. Dearman, Kevin Fox, Gregory J. Gaar, Jeffrey Henne, Bette Landis, Carol Lane, Henry Louie, Nan McGuire, Gregory Rocca, Camille She, Harold Supriano, Mauricio Vela, Julia Viera and Jane Winslow.
Members Excused:	Claude Wilson, M. Terri Hanagan
Members Absent:	Alan Weaver
Staff Present:	Ernie Prindle, Acting Assistant General Manager; Deborah Learner, Planner; Joanne Wilson, Planner; and Raphael Breines, Planning Intern, of the Recreation and Park Department; Stephen Shotland of the City Planning Department; and John Madden of the City Controller's Office

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Henne and seconded by Dearman to approve the minutes of February 3, 1998 as written.

The minutes of February 10, 1998 were amended to show the following:

- McGuire requested that the first sentence in the first paragraph on page 6 be modified as follows: *Drew Detsch (Friends of Esprit Park) spoke in support of funding for Esprit Park and distributed a letter from Esprit Corporation which detailed their recent $4,000,000 appraisal for the property and their willingness to offer it to the City for $2,000,000.*

It was moved by Gaar and seconded by Louie to approve the minutes of February 10, 1998 as amended. The Committee unanimously approved the motion.

Open Space Fund Deficit - Proposed Abatement Plan

Prindle reported that the City Controller has verified that the Open Space Fund deficit is $2,816,000. Prindle distributed a written report that included:

- Worksheet for Acquisition and Development Budget Recommendations
- Worksheet for Renovation Budget Recommendations
- Closed Project Accounts Summary
- Open Space Fund Recovery Plan & King Pool / North Beach Pool Funding Plan

- Revenue Projection and Proposed Budget
- Memorandum Summarizing the Open Space Program for FY1998-99

John Madden, Assistant City Controller, distributed a report showing that as of June 30, 1995 the Open Space Fund had a positive balance of $2.715 million. Madden stated that due to a variety of factors (including the purchase of properties and transfer of funds to the Department of Public Works (DPW), which resulted in a reduction in funds earning interest, fluctuations in expected property taxes, and unanticipated salary standardization adjustments) there is a negative balance of $1.88 million in the Open Space Fund in June 30, 1996. That deficit was rolled over into the next fiscal year (1996-97). A massive decline in property taxes occurred in Fiscal Year (FY) 1996-97 due to a decrease in the value of the commercial real estate market and subsequent appeals to the Assessment Appeals Board by property owners to reduce taxes. According to Madden, this property tax decline was the most severe decrease in 35 years. As a result, revenue was short by $813,000, and combined with other factors, produced an additional deficit of $936,000 in the Fiscal Year 1996-97 Open Space Budget. Therefore, the current deficit is $2,816,000 (FY1995-96 and FY1996-97 combined). Madden stated that the Controller's Office and other departments have taken steps to ensure that the exchange of information is more timely to avoid future deficits, particularly over a period of two fiscal years.

It was moved by Louie and seconded by Henne to abate the Open Space Fund deficit by reprogramming an additional $766,239 from the South of Market Park and to revise the Committee's previous recommendation by allocating $33,656 from funds recommended for King Pool in FY1998-99 Program. This motion would result in the abatement of the deficit and the reduction of funding allocated to King Pool in FY1998-99 from $1,154,000 to $1,120,344. The motion was approved as follows:

Ayes: Bell, Calder, Campbell, Coffino, Dearman, Fox, Gaar, Henne, Landis, Lane, Louie, McGuire, Miguel, Rocca, She, Supriano, Viera, Winslow

Noes: Vela

PROPOSED PARK AND OPEN SPACE PROGRAM FISCAL YEAR 1998-99

Prindle stated that the major differences in the recommendations presented by staff and the Committee are:

- The Committee's recommendations leave a shortfall of $799,895 in the abatement of the deficit. *(Note: With the action at this meeting, the Committee has taken the final step to abate the deficit.)*
- The Committee's recommendations leave a shortfall of $2,739,000 for completing the budget for King Pool *(Note: With the Committee's action at this meeting the shortfall for completing the King Pool budget was increased by $33,656 to a total of $2,772,656.)*
- The Department recommends reprogramming funds from Sharon Arts and Edgehill Mountain Open Space Extension to abate the deficit.

- The Department recommends allocating a total of $3,262,218 for King Pool in FY1998-99. The Committee recommends allocating a total of $1,154,000 for King Pool. *(Note: With the Committee's action at this meeting, the allocation for King Pool was reduced by $33,656 to $1,120,344.)*
- Other differences between the Department's and the Committee's recommendations are listed on page 4 of the cover memorandum distributed by Prindle.

◆ Viera joined the meeting at 6;40 p.m.

◆ Bell joined the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Proposition J Maintenance Budget (Revised)

Prindle reported that the staff recommendation for the Proposition J Maintenance budget shows a reduction of $400,000 by eliminating equipment purchases. The staff recommended a Proposition J Maintenance budget of $5.6 million.

◆ Vela joined the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

◆ Rocca joined the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

It was moved by Gaar and seconded by McGuire to accept the staff recommendation for the Proposition J Maintenance budget ($5.6 million). The Committee unanimously approved the motion.

After School Program (Revised Budget)

It was moved by Vela and seconded by Supriano to accept the staff recommendation for the After School Budget ($2,020,000). The Committee unanimously approved the motion.

Committee's Final Recommendations for the FY1998-99 Program

It was moved by Fox and seconded by Dearman to adopt the budget for the FY1998-99 Open Space Program as finalized by the Committee at the previous meeting of February 10, 1998 and incorporating the above actions. The Committee unanimously approved the motion.

The Co-Chairs encouraged the Committee members and the public to attend the upcoming joint commission hearing on the FY1998-99 Open Space Program (to be scheduled in Spring, 1998). Gaar recommended that the Committee members should also express their concerns to the Board of Supervisors that they serve.

There was a discussion regarding the creation of a sub-list of priorities applied to the projects where there is a difference in recommendations between the Department and the Committee (per the table on page 4 of the staff memorandum entitled: *Open Space Program for FY1998-99 - Summary.* Committee members commented on the

relative importance of various projects and the possibility of encouraging more communities to participate in the Seed Program.

It was moved by Calder and seconded by Gaar to designate **Esprit Park** as the first priority on the projects listed on page four of the memorandum entitled: *Open Space Program for FY1998-99 - Summary.* The Committee approved the motion as follows:

Ayes: Bell, Calder, Campbell, Coffino, Gaar, Henne, Landis, Lane, Louie, McGuire, Miguel, Rocca, She, Supriano, Vela, Viera, Winslow

Noes: Dearman, Fox

It was moved by Henne and seconded by Gaar to designate **Natural Areas Acquisition** as the second priority on the projects listed on page four of the memorandum entitled: *Open Space Program for FY1998-99 - Summary.* The Committee approved the motion as follows:

Ayes: Bell, Calder, Campbell, Coffino, Dearman, Gaar, Henne, Landis, Lane, Louie, Miguel, She, Supriano, Vela, Viera, Winslow

Noes: Fox, McGuire, Rocca,

It was moved by Louie and seconded by Landis to designate **Edgehill Mountain Open Space Extension** as the third priority on the projects listed on page four of the memorandum entitled: *Open Space Program for FY1998-99 - Summary.* The Committee approved the motion as follows:

Ayes: Bell, Calder, Campbell, Coffino, Henne, Landis, Louie, McGuire, Miguel, She, Supriano, Vela, Viera, Winslow

Noes: Dearman, Fox, Gaar, Lane, Rocca

It was moved by Louie and seconded by Vela to designate **Richmond Recreation Center** as the fourth priority on the projects listed on page four of the memorandum entitled: *Open Space Program for FY1998-99 - Summary.* The Committee approved the motion as follows:

Ayes: Bell, Calder, Campbell, Coffino, Dearman, Gaar, Henne, Landis, Lane, Louie, McGuire, Miguel, Rocca, She, Supriano, Vela, Viera, Winslow

Noes: Fox

It was moved by Viera and seconded by Henne to urge the Department to preserve the $925,000 in banked funds for the **Sharon Arts Program (New Site),** as well as the $1,000 recommended by the Committee for FY1998-99, until the Golden Gate Park Master Plan is amended to state that the Sharon Arts Program shall remain in the Sharon Building. The Committee unanimously approved the motion.

It was moved by Henne and seconded by McGuire to designate **Campbell Rutland** as the fifth priority on the projects listed on page four of the memorandum entitled: *Open Space Program for FY1998-99 - Summary.* The Committee approved the motion as follows:

Ayes: Bell, Calder, Campbell, Coffino, Dearman, Gaar, Henne, Landis, Lane, Louie, McGuire, Miguel, Rocca, She, Supriano, Vela, Viera, Winslow

Noes: Fox,

It was moved by Bell and seconded by Vela to designate **Eureka Valley Recreation Center** as the sixth priority on the projects listed on page four of the memorandum entitled: *Open Space Program for FY1998-99 - Summary.* The Committee unanimously approved the motion.

CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED FIVE YEAR PLAN

Miguel recommended the following modifications to the draft Five Year Plan:

- On Page 1 (A. Goals and Objectives), the following sentence should be inserted: *Goals and Objectives are not necessarily listed in order of priority.*

- On Page 2 (item no. 10), there was a discussion of whether to retain the goal related to coordination with the Redevelopment Agency. The consensus of the Committee was to continue to include this goal.

- On Page 2 (B. Revenues, second sentence), the figure of $15.7 million should replace $15 million (projected revenue) and the figure ($75 million) extrapolated over five years should be modified to reflect current information.

- On Page 3 (D. Acquisition and Development, footnote no. 2), the estimated market value of the Edgehill Mountain Open Space Extension provided by the Edgehill Mountain Open Space Committee should be $1,030,000.

- On Page 5 (2. Facility Renovation), the second criterion related to requests from the community should state: *Requests from the community where there is demonstrated community involvement.*

- On Page 5 (2. Facility Renovation), there should be a reference to the Seed Program.

- On Page 5 (3. Multi-Year Projects), the third sentence regarding community fundraising efforts is followed by examples of projects involving seismic upgrades to major recreation centers. This does not seem realistic. The reference to community fundraising should be eliminated in this section and incorporated elsewhere, perhaps in a discussion of the Seed Program. After further discussion, it was decided that Page 1 (A. Goals and Objectives) should include a statement regarding the Seed Program.

- On Page 6 (4. Allocation Adjustments), the two figures referring to the minimum amount needed to be allocated to renovation, and the extension of that figure over five years, should be revised based on current projections for FY1998-99.

Viera requested that the Goals and Objectives on Page 1 be modified to make clear that support is for maintenance for Open Space programs. Coffino suggested the modification of item no. 4 on Page 1 (Goals and Objectives) as follows: *Support on-going maintenance for Open Space Programs, including resurfacing, lighting, roofing and reforestation.*

Gaar suggested that item 6 on Page 1 (A. Goals and Objectives) should be modified to refer to the adopted policy of the Recreation and Park Department concerning landscaping with drought-tolerant, low maintenance plant materials and techniques (*Sustainable Landscape Design Guidelines of the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department*, adopted by the Recreation and Park Commission in Resolution No. 9505-95 on May 18, 1995).

Winslow and Gaar requested that the following goal be inserted on Page 2 (A. Goals and Objectives): *13. Promote, encourage and staff volunteer programs.*

Campbell requested that item no. 7 on Page 1 (Goals and Objectives) should be modified as follows: *Reduce long-term maintenance costs of Open Space funded projects by taking advantage of new techniques and/or technologies.*

It was moved by Viera and seconded by Winslow to accept the Five Year Plan as presented by staff with the amendments listed above. The Committee unanimously approved the motion.

Miguel suggested to staff that completed projects funded through the Open Space Program should have a permanent plaque identifying the source of funds.

There was a discussion of placing a cap on the amount of an allocation to a project in a single fiscal year and whether this would bind the actions of future commitees.

It was moved by Calder and seconded by Vela to include the following statement under Goals and Objectives (Page 1 - 2) of the Five Year Plan: *To maximize the allocation of funds to projects through the City, no project should have an allocation of more than $3 million in single fiscal year cycle.*

The Committee disapproved the motion as follows:

Ayes: Calder, She, Vela

Noes: Bell, Campbell, Coffino, Dearman, Fox, Gaar, Henne, Landis, Lane, Louie, McGuire, Miguel, Rocca, Supriano, Viera, Winslow

Open Space Schedule and Draft Agenda for FY1999-00

Staff distributed a draft schedule and agenda for FY1999-00 and the Committee discussed ways to improve the efficiency of Committee meetings and reduce the burden on staff to produce reports.

It was moved by Viera and seconded by Gaar to cease recording the names (and votes) of individual Committee members on preliminary votes in order to streamline the Committee's procedures. The Committee unanimously approved the motion.

It was the consensus of the Committee to incorporate the following amendments to the draft staff schedule for FY1999-00.

- The first Open Space Committee meeting will take place after Labor Day on Tuesday, September 8, 1998.
- To the extent feasible, Committee meetings should be scheduled every other week, preferably on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month.
- The Committee meeting hours will be from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
- The minutes of future Committee meetings should be brief.
- If additional funds can be identified, an additional staff person should be assigned to support the administration of the Open Space Program.
- The agendas for the last three meetings on the draft schedule should be consolidated into a single meeting.
- Continue to issue a workbook to Committee members, so that the members can record the actions of the Committee as meetings progress.
- Produce a single spreadsheet (worksheet) to be updated by Committee members as meetings progress.
- A large site map (of parks and open spaces) is needed.

Election of Co-Chair

The Committee unanimously approved the selection of Bell as the next Co-Chair (to replace Coffino).

The Committee thanked the two current Co-Chairs, Ron Miguel and Ailene Coffino, for their dedication and hard work.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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There was no public comment.

MEMBERS ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS

Dearman and Winslow volunteered to organize the annual Open Space dinner.

Winslow requested that Committee members divide into approximately four groups to visit Supervisors to discuss the use of City's surplus funds and other issues.

Coffino requested that the final spreadsheets, revised schedule, and final Five Year Plan be mailed to the Committee members.

Staff thanked the Committee for their hard work in a difficult year and noted that the Committee had risen to the occasion. Prindle thanked the Committee for dealing with difficult issues constructively and productively. Prindle also noted that it was Gaar's last meeting and thanked him for his professionalism and support.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m. The next scheduled meeting will be on Tuesday, September 8, 1998 at 6:30 p.m. in the Commission Room, McLaren Lodge, Fell and Stanyan Streets, Golden Gate Park.

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PARK AND OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Tuesday, March 24, 1998 - 6:30 p.m.
McLaren Lodge - Commission Room
Fell and Stanyan Streets, Golden Gate Park

AGENDA

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of Minutes of February 17,1998
3. Co-Chairs' Report:: Meeting with Mayor Brown
4. Open Space Fund Deficit - Proposed Abatement Plan: Discussion and Possible Action
5. Proposed Park and Open Space Program Fiscal Year 1998-99 - Final Budget: Discussion and Possible Action
   - Acquisition and Development Projects
   - Renovation Projects
   - Proposition E Administration and Maintenance Budget
6. Revisions to the Adopted Five Year Plan: Discussion and Possible Action
7. Project Implementation: Discussion and Possible Action
   - Department of Public Works (DPW)
   - Informal Contracts
8. Public Comment
9. Members Announcements/Requests
10. Adjournment

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ROLL CALL

Members Present: Ailene Coffino, Co-Chair; Ron Miguel, Co-Chair; Allen Calder, Kevin Fox, Gregory J. Gaar, Jeffrey Henne, Carol Lane, Henry Louie, Gregory Rocca, Camille She, Harold Supriano, Alan Weaver, Claude Wilson, and Jane Winslow.

Members Excused: Gaeta Bell, Maurice Campbell, Ina F. Dearman, M. Terri Hanagan, Bette Landis, Nan McGuire, Mauricio Vela, and Julia Viera

Staff Present: Joel Robinson, Acting General Manager; Ernie Prindle, Acting Assistant General Manager; Carol Tatum, Assistant to the General Manager; Deborah Learner, Planner; Joanne Wilson, Planner; Raphael Breines, Planning Intern, of the Recreation and Park Department; Rich Rovetti of the Mayor's Office; and Stephen Shotland of the City Planning Department.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of February 17, 1998 were amended to show that Weaver was an excused absence.

It was moved by Louie and seconded by Supriano to approve the minutes of February 17, 1998 as amended.

CO-CHAIRS' REPORT: MEETING WITH MAYOR BROWN

The Co-Chairs reported that they met with the Mayor, Steve Kawa and Rich Rovetti (both of the Mayor's Office), and Joel Robinson (Acting General Manager of the Recreation and Park Department). At the meeting, the Co-Chairs learned that the cost estimate for King Pool has been reduced from $8.2 million to $6.2 million by simplifying the roof and other modifications. At this point, the plans are in a conceptual stage and engineered drawings have yet to be produced. At the meeting, Robinson explained that through the community planning process, the project scope was reduced (producing a $2 million savings). The Co-Chairs expressed disappointment for not being included in the loop regarding this new information.

The Co-Chairs also reported that the meeting involved a discussion of the banking process. The Mayor agreed with the concept of initial funding for design, but stated that upon completion of the initial planning process, those projects should be fully funded (rather than banking through several fiscal year programs). The Mayor also promised to look into the workings of the Department of Public Works (DPW) to see if project design and implementation could be expedited. With respect to the City's surplus funds, the Mayor emphatically stated that these funds were not available for King Pool or to abate the deficit. With the $2 million savings for King Pool, this point was somewhat moot. The Mayor stated that he expected the deficit to be abated using Open Space Funds.

The Co-Chairs also stated that there was a philosophical discussion regarding the way the Fund is administered. The Mayor suggested that the Committee have a retreat to discuss how business is conducted. The Mayor felt that the Committee should administer the Fund in the same way a business or corporation would approach the task. An initial evaluation of projects and a designation of a priority status (one through three) would be a first step. Then, Priority 1 projects would be granted sufficient funds to do thorough planning. Once planning is completed and the projects are ready to go forward, these projects would then be prioritized (much the way capital improvement projects are presented to the City's Capital Improvement Advisory Committee). Projects designated as the highest priorities would be fully funded. Thus, there would be no banking. Other projects with a lower priority would receive no funds and would simply have to wait.

- ♦ Rocca joined the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

The Co-Chairs stated that they pointed out to the Mayor that some projects, such as the acquisition of natural areas, would require banking. Miguel stated that in his discussions with members of the Board of Supervisors and contacts in corporate organizations, there was support for the Mayor's ideas. Overall, Miguel stated that the meeting was productive and positive.

There was a discussion of the advantages and disadvantages of eliminating banking. Advantages could include completing projects quickly and in a timely manner. Disadvantages could include managing large projects, such as the New Chinatown Park and the distribution of Open Space funds broadly to many areas of the City as opposed to just a few projects. It was pointed out that banking funds can often lead to a sense of stewardship among the community who often seek funds over the course of several years.

It was also pointed out that there are five to six years remaining in the Proposition E 15-year cycle, and as the Program winds down, fewer funds will be

available for large projects. There was a discussion of the role of the Five Year Plan in anticipating this situation.

The Co-Chairs stated that the Sharon Arts Program was not specifically discussed at the meeting.

The Co-Chairs reported that the Mayor did not like the make-up of the Committee in that the legislation requires representatives from special interest groups. The Mayor felt the Committee should be composed of citizens with no special interest or affiliation.

OPEN SPACE FUND DEFICIT - PROPOSED ABATEMENT PLAN

Prindle presented the Department's revenue projection and proposed budget for FY1998-99 as modified in light of the recent reduction in the cost estimate for King Pool. Compared to the Committee's approach, the primary difference is that the Department proposes to reprogram the project fund balances of Edgehill Mountain Open Space Extension and the Sharon Arts Program (New Site). Prindle stated that although the project fund balance for Edgehill Mountain is a relatively minor amount, the future commitment of funds would be extensive. In addition, staff is concerned about the value of the site as a recreational resource (due to steep slopes) and the competing need to acquire and develop open space (particularly in neighborhoods identified as high need in the City's General Plan).

To a lesser extent, there is a minor difference in the staff proposal and the Committee's recommendation for funding of Esprit Park and Urban Forestry. Both approaches however, abate the deficit and fund King Pool. Written reports were mailed to Committee members and were available at the meeting for the public. In the renovation category, several projects under Park Renovation are identified for increased funding in the staff proposal. The primary difference in the recommendation from staff and the Committee with respect to renovation involves several play area renovation projects and the renovation of Margaret Hayward and Rochambeau Clubhouses.

There was a discussion of previous commitments made to the public with respect to funding Edgehill Mountain Open Space Extension and Sharon Arts Studio (New Site).

There was a discussion of the Sharon Arts Program. Robinson agreed to give his assurance as the Acting General Manager that the Sharon Arts Program will remain at its current location until a suitable new site is found. Staff stated that the draft Golden Gate Park Master Plan states that a guarantee was included that the Sharon Arts Program will remain at the existing site until a suitable site is

found. If and when a suitable site is found, an objective of the draft Golden Gate Park Master Plan is to return the Sharon Building to its original use as a food service or canteen related to the adjacent children's play area. This type of use would allow more public access to a historic building.

The Committee did not recommend any changes to their previous recommendation for abatement of the Open Space Fund deficit.

PROPOSED PARK AND OPEN SPACE PROGRAM FISCAL YEAR 1998-99: FINAL BUDGET

Acquisition and Development Projects

Staff reported that in adjusting the Committee's recommendations to abate the Open Space Fund deficit using previously funded projects rather than the Fiscal Year 1998-99 Program, there remains $34,656 to be allocated (of which, $33,656 must be allocated to Acquisition and Development project(s) in order to meet the minimum 40% required by the Open Space Fund legislation).

It was moved by Fox and seconded by C. Wilson to allocate an additional $34,656 to King Pool. The Committee unanimously approved the motion.

Anne Seeman (Friends of Visitacion Valley Parks) spoke in support of funding development of the **Visitacion Valley - Reis Tract**.

Stephen Suacci spoke in support of funding the acquisition of **Edgehill Mountain Open Space Extension** and indicated that a property owner is willing to donate land for public use. Joan Kingery also spoke in support of the project.

Caroline Rabinowitz and Jean Marcy spoke in support of funding the acquisition of a new site for the **Sharon Arts Program**.

Mike Brown (Inner City Youth) spoke in support of funding of a **recreation program at Ocean View Playground**.

Renovation Projects

The Committee did not recommend any changes to their previous budget for renovation.

Rebecca Lillis (Trust for Public Land) spoke in support of the renovation of **Campbell - Rutland Mini Park**.

Jerome Rodriguez spoke in support of the renovation of the **Visitacion Valley Clubhouse**.

Robin Lee (Friends of Walter Haas Park) spoke in support of funding for the renovation of the children's play area at **Walter Haas Park**.

Proposition E Administration and Maintenance Budget

The Committee did not recommend any changes to their previous budget for renovation.

REVISIONS TO THE ADOPTED FIVE YEAR PLAN

It was moved by C. Wilson and seconded by Rocca to accept the Five Year Plan as written (new format showing parallel recommendations of the Committee and the Department). The Committee unanimously approved the motion.

PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

Department of Public Works (DPW)

Prindle reported that the Recreation and Park Commission has begun hearings on the DPW process for designing and implementing projects. The Co-Chairs requested that the Committee be notified of these hearings.

Informal Contracts

Prindle reported that the Department is working with the City Attorney's office to increase the cap on informal construction contracts from $50,000 to $250,000. This would require an amendment of the City's Administrative Code by the Board of Supervisors. The Co-Chairs asked to be notified of any public hearings on this item.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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There was no public comment.

MEMBERS ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS

Henne reported that McGuire is arranging to hold the annual Open Space dinner at the Beach Chalet Bar and Grill. It was the consensus of the Committee to have the dinner on May 5, 1998 at 6:00 p.m.

Miguel announced that the Department has initiated an independent assessment of buildings, landscape and programs by a team of professionals. The assessment includes public outreach, including surveys. This process should be completed (including a database) by March, 1999. This information will greatly assist the Committee in establishing priorities and making funding recommendations.

C. Wilson announced that SAGE has spearheaded an effort to have the City acquire the two power plants in the City. The Public Utilities Commission voted to drop the project, but were over-ruled by the Board of Supervisors. The purpose of the City's potential ownership of the plants is to reduce pollution and environmental hazards in the Bayview-Hunter's Point Neighborhood.

Robinson thanked the Committee for its diligent work and service during a difficult year, and expressed appreciation to staff for their efforts. Robinson stated that he expected that next year's proceedings will not be so difficult.

Coffino announced that the renovation of the children's play area at 10th Avenue and Fulton Street in Golden Gate Park has begun.

Miguel announced that the Joint Hearing of the Recreation and Park Commission and the Planning Commission will take place on May 21, 1998. Announcements will be sent out.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. The next scheduled meeting will be on Tuesday, September 8, 1998 at 6:30 p.m. in the Commission Room, McLaren Lodge, Fell and Stanyan Streets, Golden Gate Park.

Minutes prepared by

Joanne Wilson
Park Planner

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REVISED
PARK AND OPEN SPACE CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1998-1999

6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
McLaren Lodge - Commission Room
Fell and Stanyan Streets, Golden Gate Park

September 8, 1998	October 27, 1998
September 15, 1998 (Public Hearing)	November 10, 1998
September 22, 1998 (Public Hearing)	December 1, 1998
October 13, 1998	December 15, 1998
October 24, 1998 Bus Tour*	January 5, 1999

*The bus tour will begin at 9:00 a.m. from McLaren Lodge, Fell and Stanyan Streets, Golden Gate Park.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
PARK AND OPEN SPACE CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Tuesday, September 8, 1998 - 6:30 p.m.
McLaren Lodge - Commission Room
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AGENDA

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of Minutes of March 24, 1998
3. Introduction (Committee Co-Chairs)
4. Staff Report: Explanation of Open Space Fund Allocations
5. Staff Report: Open Space Budget Projections (through FY2004-05) and Summary of Previous Funding Obligations
6. Voting Procedures and Member's Responsibilities (Committee Co-Chairs)
7. Staff Report: Distribution of Meeting Schedule and Preliminary Agenda
8. Public Comment
9. Members Announcements/Requests
10. Adjournment

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AMENDED
MINUTES
Park and Open Space Citizens Advisory Committee
Tuesday, September 8, 1998
McLaren Lodge, Golden Gate Park

ROLL CALL

Members Present:	Gaeta Bell, Co-Chair; Ron Miguel, Co-Chair; Allen Calder, Maurice Campbell, Ailene Coffino, Ina F. Dearman, Kevin Fox, M. Terri Hanagan, Jeffrey Henne, Bette Landis, Carolene Marks, Mabel Ng, Camille She, Julia Viera, Alan Weaver and Jane Winslow.
Members Excused:	Henry Louie, Harold Supriano
Members Absent:	Gregory Rocca, Mauricio Vela, Claude Wilson
Staff Present:	Ernie Prindle, Acting Assistant General Manager; Deborah Learner, Planner; Joanne Wilson, Planner, Jacqueline Barsh, Budget Director, and Angela Gengler, Budget Analyst of the Recreation and Park Department.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Winslow and seconded by Hanagan to approved the minutes of March 24, 1998 as written.

INTRODUCTION

The Committee Co-Chairs and members briefly described their backgrounds and experience on the Committee.

STAFF REPORTS

Explanation of Open Space Fund Allocations

Prindle distributed materials and explained the annual expenditures permitted under the Proposition E Open Space Fund. A sample expenditure plan was discussed to illustrate the allocation process and typical projects (by category) were described.

Open Space Budget Projects (through FY2004-05) and Summary of Previous Funding Obligations

Miguel explained that, at the request of the Committee Co-Chairs, staff prepared an analysis of potential expenditures (based on previous funding commitments, i.e. projects identified as Priority 1 and Priority 2 and/or included in the Five Year Plan) versus potential revenue through fiscal year 2004-05 (the conclusion of the Open Space Program under Proposition E). Prindle reported that based on the assessed valuation of property currently on the roll, it is assumed that there will be $16.3 million in revenue available for the Open Space Fund in fiscal year 1998-99. Using the $16.3 million figure as a base, revenue for the remaining six years of the Open Space Program was projected. It is assumed that revenue will grow by about 3% per year. It is also assumed that the Administrative and Maintenance category will grow by about 10% per year as more Open Space funded projects are implemented (e.g., Richmond Gym).

The analysis showed that it is unlikely that all identified projects (Priority 1 and Priority 2) can be funded. In the Acquisition and Development category, there are potentially $29,740,000 in expenditures versus $27,409,030 in potential revenue, resulting in a shortfall of $2,330,970. In the Renovation category, there are potentially $26,845,715 in expenditures versus $12,699,576 in revenue, resulting in a shortfall of $14,146,139. In both cases, figures for expenditures do not include new projects identified between now and the end of the Open Space Program (fiscal year 2004-05). There was a discussion of various projects, funding strategies, and alternative sources of funds (grants, donations) and revenue (sponsorship). Learner noted that some projects that had been previously approved for funding (with the expectation that construction would soon follow) are likely to have budget shortfalls (i.e., North Beach Pool, Mission Pool, King Pool).

There was a discussion by the Committee members as to the merits and drawbacks of the banking process.

VOTING PROCEDURES AND MEMBERS' RESPONSIBILITIES

Miguel went over the following points:

- A quorum of 12 members is required in order for an official meeting to take place.
- A passing vote requires 12 votes or 60% of the members present, whichever is less. NOTE: Voting on the final package or program requires a vote of 12 or more members. These final votes are taken at the end of the Committee process when the entire package is put together (see also the Committee's adopted Administrative Procedures).

- Members cannot abstain from voting without the approval of 12 votes or 60% of the members present; whichever is less. If there is a potential conflict of interest, the Committee may vote to allow a member to excuse him/herself from voting.
- Three or more unexcused absences will result in the Department contacting the appointing Supervisor (or Mayor). Given the responsibility of the Committee, attendance is crucial. NOTE: If missing a meeting is unavoidable, members must contact Virginia Richardson of the Recreation and Park Department at 831-2701 in order for the absence to be excused. For other information on absences, please check the Committee By-laws.
- Committee is advisory only and recommends preliminary allocations to the General Manager.
- The Co-Chairs work with staff to develop agendas.
- The public is invited to come to the next two meetings (9/15/98 and 9/22/98) specifically to propose projects for funding.
- In addition, the public may attend any Open Space meeting and speak on any agenda item or during the public comment period. Members of the public are allowed up to 3 minutes to speak.
- Staff prepares a list of recommended projects (with funding recommendations and prioritization).
- Generally, project proposals are evaluated by the Committee according to the following procedure:
  1. Staff presents recommendation.
  2. Interested members of public are invited to speak on the project proposal.
  3. Committee discusses the project proposal.
  4. The Committee assigns a priority to the proposed project and makes a preliminary funding recommendation as follows: A priority 1 means that the project will receive funding in the fiscal year program currently under consideration. Priority 2 means that the project has merit, but no funding is available at this time. (Priority 2 projects are reconsidered in the next funding cycle). A priority 3 project is removed from the list of project options (but can be reactivated for reconsideration by a member of the public and/or staff in a future funding cycle).
- After several meetings, recommendations are finalized and forwarded to he General Manager.
- The General Manager, after considering the Committee's recommendations, prepares a report with his funding recommendations.
- A joint hearing of the Planning and Recreation and Park Commissions takes place in April or May. The two Commissions review the proposed program (General Manager's Report) and take action.
- The Open Space Program goes on to the Board of Supervisors (June) for inclusion in the City's budget for the next fiscal year. Once the Board has approved by budget, it is then signed by the Mayor.

- Funds become available in the next fiscal year. (Note: The fiscal year begins in July, but it isn't until August or September that funds are released by the Controller's Office.)
- With respect to the Brown Act, if more than a majority of the Committee meets for the purpose of discussing or acting on business, there must be an open public meeting with the required public notice.

DISTRIBUTION OF MEETING SCHEDULE AND PRELIMINARY AGENDA

Wilson reported that the Committee developed a preliminary schedule last February, and distributed an updated version. It was noted that the Committee made a commitment last Spring to work through the Open Space process more efficiently, thus reducing the number of meetings. The following revisions to the meeting dates were discussed:

- Delete the following meetings:
  November 24, 1998
  December 8, 1998
  December 22, 1998

- Add meetings for the following dates:
  December 1, 1998
  December 15, 1998
  January 5, 1999

The final meeting schedule will be reviewed and approved at the meeting of October 13, 1998.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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Michelle Stratton introduced herself as a new committee member (her appointment will be confirmed by the Board of Supervisors in October, 1998.

MEMBERS ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS

Prindle announced that the Recreation and Park Department and the Department of Public Works have begun meeting jointly on a weekly basis as a Process Improvement Team or PIT. The purpose of the PIT meetings is to bring together directors, deputy directors and key personnel to discuss the process for

implementation of Recreation and Park Department capital improvement projects and to focus on improving that process. The first PIT meeting was held today, and it was suggested that a member of the Open Space Committee be invited to participate in future PIT meetings.

Prindle announced that there have been a series of community workshops on a City-wide assessment of park facilities. Miguel requested that the Committee members receive notices of any upcoming Assessment meetings and encouraged members to attend.

Hanagan requested that future agendas include location (nearest intersection) for each proposed project.

Weaver reported that there is still no sign stating *Mullen Peralta Open Space* posted at that site. Also, Weaver reported that there is a problem with adults drinking alcohol near and around South of Market Recreation Center. Page-Laguna Mini Park is progressing and looks very attractive. Weaver also requested that staff prepare a status report on all projects funded under Proposition J and E. He was particularly concerned about the maintenance of Open Space funded projects. (Learner pointed out that project status information is contained in the annual General Manager's Report.) Weaver requested that a permanent sign be installed at completed Open Space projects stating that the improvements were funded through the Park Renovation and Open Space Fund.

Hanagan requested a facilities list be distributed to the Committee, describing location and other pertinent information.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m. The next scheduled meeting will be on Tuesday, September 15, 1998 at 6:30 p.m. in the Commission Room, McLaren Lodge, Fell and Stanyan Streets, Golden Gate Park.

Minutes prepared by

Joanne Wilson
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1. Roll Call
2. Approval of Minutes of September 8, 1998
3. Public Hearing: Community Proposals
4. Staff Report: Distribution of Worksheet showing Priority 1 and Priority 2 Projects from the Fiscal Year 1998-1999 Open Space Program
5. Staff Report: Distribution of Interim Seed Guidelines
6. Staff Report: Distribution and Update of Committee Directory
7. Staff Report: City Planning Presentation
8. Staff Report: Assessment Workshop Update
9. Public Comment
10. Members Announcements and Requests
11. Adjournment

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McLaren Lodge, Golden Gate Park

ROLL CALL

Members Present:	Gaeta Bell, Co-Chair; Ron Miguel, Co-Chair; Allen Calder, Maurice Campbell, Ailene Coffino, Kevin Fox, M. Terri Hanagan, Henry Louie, Carolene Marks, Mabel Ng, Camille She, Harold Supriano and Jane Winslow
Members Excused:	Ina F. Dearman, Bette Landis, Gregory Rocca, Julia Viera, Alan Weaver, Claude Wilson
Members Absent:	Jeffrey Henne, Mauricio Vela
Staff Present:	Ernie Prindle, Acting Assistant General Manager; Deborah Learner, Planner; and Joanne Wilson, Planner, of the Recreation and Park Department; and Stephen Shotland of the City Planning Department

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of September 8, 1998 were amended to state that there was a discussion by the Committee members as to the merits and drawbacks of the banking process.

It was moved by Winslow and seconded by Coffino to approve the minutes of September 8, 1998 as amended.

PUBLIC HEARING - COMMUNITY PROPOSALS

Eureka Valley Recreation Center

Mitch Thompson (Recreation Director, Eureka Valley Recreation Center) distributed a fact sheet and spoke in support of the renovation of the Eureka Valley Recreation Center. Jason Toledo, Lena Turner, Ben Carlson and Sandi Luna (CUAV - Community United Against Violence) also spoke in support of the project.

Pioneer Park (Seed Program)

Julie Christensen spoke in support of continued funding for Pioneer Park (Seed Program).

Stern Grove Croquet Courts

Bob Alman (San Francisco Croquet Club) spoke in favor of a renovation project at the croquet courts at Stern Grove. The proposal is to build a concrete and paver border around courts to prevent invasion of kakuya grass.

Sharon Arts Studio

Caroline Rabinowitz (Sharon Arts Studio) thanked the Committee for their past efforts on the behalf of the Sharon Arts Studio and distributed a copy of the recent resolution from the Board of Supervisors establishing a preference for the Sharon Arts Studio to remain in Golden Gate Park.

Edgehill Mountain Open Space Extension (Seed Program)

Mary McDermott and Joan Kingery, (Edgehill Mountain Open Space Committee) distributed materials and spoke in support of acquisition of additional land on Edgehill Mountain.

Natural Areas Acquisition

Greg Gaar (California Native Plant Society) distributed materials and spoke in favor of transferring properties containing significant natural resources under the jurisdiction of other City Departments to the Recreation and Park Department. Properties proposed for transfer include the slope above the Laguna Honda Water Reservoir (Water Department), parcels on Twin Peaks (Fire Department, Real Estate Department), and slopes above O'Shaughnessy Boulevard (Hetch-Hetchy and DPW).

STAFF REPORTS

Staff distributed the following materials:

- Worksheet showing Priority 1 and Priority 2 projects from the FY1998-99 Program.

- Interim Seed Guidelines

The Committee briefly discussed the guidelines. Further discussion and possible action on the Interim Seed Guidelines will take place at the meeting of September 22, 1998. It was noted that the information in the Guidelines concerning the Open Space application deadline should be clarified.

- Committee Directory

A copy of the Committee Directory was reviewed by the members and the information updated as needed. Wilson explained that the Directory is considered public information.

STAFF REPORT: CITY PLANNING PRESENTATION

Shotland presented information concerning the Recreation and Open Space Element of the City's General Plan (policies and objectives), demographics related to open space resources (based on the 1990 Census), identification of high need areas (per the City's General Plan) for open space resources, and the distribution and location of various recreation facilities and open space.

STAFF REPORT: ASSESSMENT WORKSHOP UPDATE

This staff report was deferred to the meeting of September 22, 1998.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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There was no public comment.

MEMBERS ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS

Miguel announced that tomorrow at 11:00 a.m., there will be a groundbreaking ceremony and demolition activities will commence for the King Pool project. Also, Miguel updated the Committee on the progress of the Richmond Recreation Center.

Wilson asked the Committee members to turn in their name tags at the end of each meeting.

Wilson requested that Committee members who cannot attend an upcoming meeting please ***contact Virginia Richardson at 831-2701 so that an excused absence can be recorded.***

Wilson also requested that members, if they're able, please assist staff in putting away chairs at the end of the meeting.

Shotland announced that he will be providing a large map of City open spaces.

Hanagan distributed a copy of the editorial on the Tenderloin Recreation Center. Miguel stated that he wrote a letter to the editor to clarify that the project was funded by the Park Renovation and Open Space Program.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m. The next scheduled meeting will be on Tuesday, September 22, 1998 at 6:30 p.m. in the Commission Room, McLaren Lodge, Fell and Stanyan Streets, Golden Gate Park.

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1. Roll Call
2. Approval of Minutes of September 15, 1998
3. Staff Reports
4. Public Hearing: Community Proposals
5. Consideration and Possible Adoption of Final Interim Seed Money Program Guidelines
6. Public Comment
7. Members Announcements and Requests
8. Adjournment

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Tuesday, September 22, 1998
McLaren Lodge, Golden Gate Park

ROLL CALL

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Members Excused: Carolene Marks

Members Absent: Mauricio Vela, Alan Weaver,

Staff Present: Ernie Prindle, Acting Assistant General Manager; Deborah Learner, Planner; and Joanne Wilson, Planner, of the Recreation and Park Department; and Stephen Shotland of the City Planning Department

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Winslow and seconded by Supriano to approved the minutes of September 15, 1998 as written.

STAFF REPORTS

Assessment Workshop Update

Kerry Enright of Articulate Integrity (Assessment Project Management Consultant) thanked the Committee for the $100,000 from the Open Space Fund that partially funded the year-long project currently underway to assess park facilities under the jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park Department.

The study consists of three main components:

- Demographic analysis compiled district by district using the Supervisor's districts that the City will implement in the year 2000.
- Survey of 200 facilities conducted last summer by engineers, architects, other professionals, and members of the community.
- Funding analysis to determine the cost of upgrading facilities and programs and to identify funding sources and strategies.

To gather assessment data, the following steps have been taken:

- Facilitated community meetings throughout the City in all nine districts.
- Distributed questionnaires and received 4200 responses.
- Convened focus groups throughout the City.
- Held staff workshops attended by 250 Recreation and Park Department staff persons representing various work classifications.
- Established a multilingual hotline.
- Provided extensive outreach, including 50,000 flyers distributed through San Francisco Unified School District and posters on MUNI.
- Established database of 11,000 names and addresses for community mailing list.

Enright stated that the next phase of the process has begun which includes a second round of 10 community meetings to review the results of the study and to begin prioritizing projects. The last major community step in the process will be a statistically valid telephone survey which will contact 1800 persons.

Miguel encouraged the Committee members and the public to attend the upcoming meetings as the information generated at the meetings will be very important and will include cost estimates for various projects. Enright added that childcare and food are provided at the workshops, which will be an open-house forum.

PUBLIC HEARING: COMMUNITY PROPOSALS

Chinese Recreation Center

Bernie Lee, Gary Wong and Doreen Der spoke in support of $500,000 in funding to renovate Chinese Recreation Center.

Helen Wills Playground

Bernie Lee, Gary Wong, and Doreen Der spoke in support of $500,000 in funding to renovate Helen Wills Playground. Sharman Duran spoke in support of $300,000 in funding to renovate the children's play area at Helen Wills Playground.

Douglass Playground

Debra Niemann and Dorthe Deubler spoke in support of renovating Douglass Park, including building a new toddler area and constructing an addition to the existing recreation building. Additional improvements include walkway

resurfacing, replacement of the water fountain, refurbishing or replacing benches and picnic tables, and renovation of both restrooms.

Sunnyside Park

Andrea O'Leary, Arnold Levine and Daphne Powell (all members of Friends of Sunnyside Park) spoke in support of renovating Sunnyside Park, including a new children's play area, new clubhouse/restroom, conservation of a riparian area, and other park amenities.

♦ Julia Viera joined the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

South Park

Louise Bird (South Park Improvement Association) spoke in support of renovating the children's play area, drainage and irrigation systems, and other park elements at South Park.

Esprit Park

Mariuccia Iaconi, Nan McGuire and Drew Detsch (all members of the Friends of Esprit Park) spoke in favor of the acquisition of Esprit Park.

♦ Claude Wilson joined the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Walter Haas Park

Robin Lee, David Lee, Devron Char and Tim Sheiner (all members of the Friends of Walter Haas Park) spoke in support of the renovation of Walter Haas Park and presented the following funding options:

- $950,000 in funds proposed for renovation of the entire park, including consolidation of the two play structures into a single, new play area, resurfacing the basketball court, and upgrades of other park elements.
- $450,000 in funds proposed primarily for the play area project.
- $25,000 to initiate design for one of the above options.

Although they did not speak, approximately 12 other members of the Friends of Walter Haas Park indicated their support of the renovation proposal.

♦ Jeff Henne joined the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

McLaren Park

David Graves and Franco Mancini (both members of the Friends of McLaren Park) spoke in support of Seed Program funding for a freshwater marsh

restoration. In addition, a youth stewardship program for Sunnydale area (to clear fennel and other debris along the south ridge of Mansell and the southeast section of McLaren Park along Sunnydale Avenue) and other improvements to reduce trash and debris was proposed.

Hayes Valley Playground

Barbara Wenger (Hayes Valley Parks Group) and Judy Edmond (Hayes Valley Playgrounds Safety Network) spoke in support of funding the renovation of the clubhouse at Hayes Valley Playground.

Moscone Recreation Center and Playground

Merry Fowler, Ron Fowler and Linda Reda spoke in support of the renovation of the play area at Moscone Recreation Center and Playground, specifically installing safety matting in certain areas (approximately 40 by 100 feet) and replacement of a metal slide and crawl tube with a plastic structures.

North Mission Open Space

Susan Tatje (North Mission Open Space Initiative) and two youngsters spoke in support of acquiring and developing a park in the North Mission area and requested $500,000.

Haight-Fillmore Community Center/Theater Project

Jim Houillion spoke in support of the acquisition of the Haight-Fillmore Theater for a community center.

Upper Noe Recreation Center and Playground

Greg Clark, Aaron Donsky and Matthew Haver (Advocates for Upper Noe Recreation Center) spoke in support of $400,000 in funding for the renovation of the recreation center (trusses, glue-lams, restrooms, disabled access, windows) and playground, including painting (graffiti removal), fencing, children's play area, security lighting, disabled access, and irrigation system (athletic field).

Rochambeau Playground

Maria Morgan-Butcher spoke in support of Seed Program funds for the renovation of Rochambeau Playground, including children's play area, clubhouse and restrooms.

Mission Dolores Park

Luis Granados and Christine Nahnsen spoke in support of the renovation of Mission Dolores Park, including $375,000 for the renovation of the children's play area, $50,000 for a full-time recreation director at the existing clubhouse, $45,000 for the Meda café construction (seed project), and completion of the irrigation system along the western side of the park.

CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF FINAL SEED MONEY PROGRAM GUIDELINES

Miguel noted that at last week's meeting, it was agreed that the first paragraph under Procedures on page 3 would be rewritten to note that applications are due during the public application process.

Rocca recommended that staff provide models of a seed plan (described on page 3) to interested community groups.

She proposed that the following statement be provided at the end of the introduction on page 1: *Nor however does participation in the Seed Program guarantee Priority 1 status or additional funding outside of the Seed category.*

It was moved by Winslow and seconded by Supriano to revise the Guidelines as stated above and adopt them as the final Seed Money Program Guidelines. The motion was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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There was no public comment.

MEMBERS ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS

Randall Museum announcements were distributed.

Miguel again encouraged members of the Committee and the public to attend the upcoming Assessment Project workshops.

Miguel also asked Committee members to consider the order of projects (e.g. Renovation and then Acquisition & Development) at upcoming meetings.

Henne announced that the Yerba Buena Gardens ice skating rink is now open to the public.

Bell announced that there was an article in the *Independent* regarding the King Pool groundbreaking ceremony, including positive comments regarding the Open Space Citizen Advisory Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m. The next scheduled meeting will be on Tuesday, October 13, 1998 at 6:30 p.m. in the Commission Room, McLaren Lodge, Fell and Stanyan Streets, Golden Gate Park.

Minutes prepared by

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
PARK AND OPEN SPACE CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Tuesday, October 13, 1998 - 6:30 p.m.
McLaren Lodge - Commission Room
Fell and Stanyan Streets, Golden Gate Park

AGENDA

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1. Roll Call

2. Approval of Minutes of September 22, 1998

3. Staff Reports
   - Workbook - Distribution
   - Final Seed Program Guidelines - Distribution of Adopted Guidelines
   - Committee Meeting Schedule
   - Playground Assessment Report
   - Volunteer Program Report
   - After School Program Report
   - School District Project Status
   - King Pool Funding Plan
   - Worksheet - Staff Recommendations in Rank Order

4. Discussion and possible approval of Priority 3 status for the following renovation projects.

   Consent Agenda Items: The following renovation projects are recommended for Priority 3 status for the Fiscal Year 1999-2000 Program. This would mean that, if the priority 3 status is approved, these items would be deleted from the Open Space Program options (unless renewed in a future Program by a request from the public, Committee members or staff). These items will be acted upon by a single vote of the Committee. There will be no separate discussion on these items unless a request is made, in which case, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered as a separate item. Any members of the public addressing the Committee will be limited to a maximum time limit of three minutes for all items severed from the Consent Agenda.

These projects have been completed and/or the project budget is fully funded:

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- Rolph Play Area (Potrero Avenue & Caesar Chavez)
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The following projects have not been completed, nor has the budget been fully funded:

- Jefferson Square Improvements (Eddy & Gough Streets)
- Joseph Lee Recreation Center (Oakdale Avenue & Mendell)
- McLaren Park Disc Golf (Visitacion Valley)

5. Discussion and possible approval of Priority 3 status and the reprogramming of funds for the following renovation project. This project has not been completed and the existing project budget of $50,000 is recommended for reprogramming to the Children's Play Area Renovation category:
    - Margaret Hayward Playground - Building (Laguna & Turk Streets)

6. Discussion and possible approval of Priority 2 status of the following renovation projects.

Consent Agenda Items: The following renovation projects are recommended for Priority 2 status for the FY99-00 Program. This would mean that, if the priority 2 status is approved, these items would not be considered for funding in the Fiscal Year 1999-2000 program, but would be reconsidered for funding in the Fiscal Year 2000-2001 program. These items will be acted upon by a single vote of the Committee. There will be no separate discussion on these items unless a request is made, in which case, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered as a separate item. Any members of the public addressing the Committee will be limited to a maximum time limit of three minutes for all items severed from the Consent Agenda.

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7. Public Comment

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9. Adjournment

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MINUTES
Park and Open Space Citizens Advisory Committee
Tuesday, October 13, 1998
McLaren Lodge, Golden Gate Park

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ROLL CALL

Members Present:	Gaeta Bell, Co-Chair; Ron Miguel, Co-Chair; Ailene Coffino, Ina F. Dearman, Kevin Fox, M. Terri Hanagan, Jeffrey Henne, Henry Louie, Mabel Ng, Gregory Rocca, Camille She, Harold Supriano, Julia Viera and Claude Wilson
Members Excused:	Allen Calder, Maurice Campbell, Bette Landis, Carolene Marks, Michele Stratton, Jane Winslow
Members Absent:	Mauricio Vela, Alan Weaver
Staff Present:	Carol Tatum, Assistant to the Acting General Manager; Deborah Learner, Planner and Joanne Wilson, Planner; of the Recreation and Park Department; and Don Alameida and Harlan Kelly of the Department of Public Works, Bureau of Architecture

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of September 22, 1998 were amended to correct the spelling of Doreen Der's name (Chinese Recreation Center and Helen Wills Playground) on (page 2); and to correct the statement on page 5 (Final Seed Guidelines) to state: *Nor however does participation in the Seed Program guarantee Priority 1 status or additional funding outside of the Seed category.*

It was moved by Louie and seconded by Supriano to approve the minutes of September 22, 1998 as amended.

STAFF REPORTS

Wilson/Learner distributed copies of, and reported on, the following written staff reports:

- Open Space Workbook for Fiscal Year 1999-2000
- Final Seed Program Guidelines
- Committee Meeting Schedule and Agenda for the Fiscal Year 1999-2000 Program
- 1998 Playground Assessment Report

- Volunteer Program Report
- After School Program Report for the Fiscal Year 1999-2000 Program
- Worksheet - Staff Recommendations in Rank Order for the Fiscal Year 1999-2000 Program

♦ She joined the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

It was moved by Coffino and seconded by Hanagan to adopt the Final Seed Program Guidelines. The motion was unanimously approved.

School District Project Status

Tatum reported on the status of the collaboration between the Recreation and Park Department and the School District to share facilities. In March and April, 1998, Recreation and Park Department staff conducted a survey of facilities proposed for joint use. Information regarding the identification of possible sites, types of uses, and scheduling of activities was presented to the School District. The School District has stated that they do not have funds to establish joint use. It does not appear that joint use is a high priority for the School District. Tatum stated that she has been working with Lu Blazej and Pam Gilmore of the School District. There has been no response in last 3-4 months from the School District. Potential sites include McAteer, John/Sala Burton, Mission and Washington High Schools.

♦ C. Wilson joined the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

King Pool Funding Plan

Harlan Kelley and Don Alameida of the Department of Public Works (Bureau of Architecture) reported on the funding plan for King Pool. The original proposal budget of approximately $8.2 million included a 25 meter pool and wading pool, contingency (10% minimum), art enrichment (2% requirement), permits ($106,000), architecture/engineering ($680,000), and construction management ($375,000). Per the request of the Recreation and Park Department, an attempt was made to revise the proposal in order to reduce the budget to approximately $6.7 million. Fees were reduced, services were combined, and the size of certain elements (i.e., locker-rooms) were reduced in order to minimum size. A project cost of $6.7 million, however, was never achieved given the parameter of a 25 meter pool. Currently there are two independent cost estimates at $7.3 to $7.6 million, including $6.4 million for the construction contract, demolition, and soil issues. In addition, some fees of other departments have been waived, and the architectural/engineering and construction management fees have remained the same. The inability to reduce the cost to $6.7 million is also the result of the current construction climate where bids have been coming in very high because

of the great amount of activity in the Bay Area (San Francisco Airport, City Hall, Yerba Buena, and other major construction projects) and $500,000 for soil issues. Kelly stated that the preliminary cost of dealing with soil issues was included in the contingency amount in the original project budget. Learner stated that cost estimates become more refined as the engineered drawings are completed (construction documents) and bids are received. Alameida stated that the engineered drawings are 75% complete.

- Rocca jointed the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

RENOVATION PROJECTS

Per the request of staff, the following projects were pulled from the agenda and deferred to the meeting of October 27, 1998:

- Rolph Play Area (Potrero Avenue & Cesar Chavez)
- Sgt. John Macaulay Play Area (Larkin & O'Farrell Streets)
- Visitacion Valley Play Area (Cora/Leland/Raymond Streets)

Consent Agenda Items - Staff Recommended Priority 3 Projects:

- Garfield Clubhouse and Field (25th & Harrison Streets)
- Gilman Play Area (Gilman Avenue & Griffiths)
- Joseph Lee Recreation Center (Oakdale Avenue & Mendell)
- Miraloma Courts (Omar Street & Sequoia Way)
- South Park Lighting (64 South Park Avenue)

It was moved by Coffino and seconded by C. Wilson to preliminarily approve the above consent agenda items as Priority 3 projects. The motion was approved.

Garfield Park Improvements (25th & Harrison Streets)

Learner reported that the proposed fencing is funded for the soccer field and children's play area, as well as the proposed soccer field rehabilitation and a new basketball court. A community meeting will be scheduled for early December to reach consensus on the proposed half-court basketball court and other improvements.

Glenda Powell, Connie Webel and Gloria Krzyzanowski spoke in support of maintaining the existing park elements and in opposition to the proposed basketball court.

Al Mattocks (Recreation Director, Garfield Park) spoke in support of the proposed basketball court, additional picnic tables and renovation of the children's play area.

The Committee preliminarily approved a Priority 2 for the project.

Jefferson Square Improvements (Eddy & Gough Streets)

Wilson reported that the request is for specific improvements, including renovation of the circular courtyard, security lighting, landscaping at the park entries, and demolition or modification of the existing restroom, tree work and bench repairs.

Gail Parnell, Carol Moilan, Pam Dannenberg, George Williams, Shane Svendsen, Lisa Lubuc and Dorothey Goldstone spoke in support of the project.

It was recommended by Coffino that the community supporters apply for a neighborhood park grant through the Friends of Recreation and Parks for some of the less costly elements, and/or consider proposing a Seed Program project.

The Committee approved a Priority 1 for the project and a preliminary allocation of $25,000 as a Seed Program project.

McLaren Park Disc Golf (Visitacion Valley)

Wilson reported that the request is for the installation of a 27-hole disc golf course ("Frisbee golf") in McLaren Park. Total cost of the project is estimated at $27,571. The project involves land use policy that requires a determination from the Recreation and Park Commission.

The Committee preliminarily approved a Priority 2 for the project.

Margaret Hayward Playground - Building (Laguna & Turk Streets)

Staff reported that the project budget for the proposed project is $779,000 (1996 preliminary estimate). Current funding levels include $155,000 from the General Fund. In the Fiscal Year 1998-99 Program, $50,000 in Open Space Funds was approved for the renovation of the clubhouse. The preliminary staff recommendation is a Priority 3 with an allocation of $0. In addition, staff recommends the reprogramming of $50,000 to the Children's Playground Spending Plan. There are funds available through the Open Space-Portable Restroom Fund to install a disabled accessible restroom at the site and/or to remodel the restrooms only to provide disabled access using a portion of the available General Fund monies.

Reverend Boyd, George Williams, Dorothey Goldstone and Pam Dannenberg spoke in support of the renovation of the clubhouse.

It was moved by Hanagan and seconded by Coffino to reprogram the existing $50,000 for Margaret Hayward Playground to the Children's Playground Spending Plan per the staff recommendation. The motion was approved.

The Committee preliminarily approved a Priority 2 for the project.

- Louie left the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Consent Agenda Items - Staff Recommended Priority 2 Projects:

- Balboa Park Play Area (Ocean & San Jose Avenues)
- Brooks Park Play Area (373 Ramsell)
- Excelsior Playground (Russia & Madrid Streets)
- Franklin Square Play Area (16th & Bryant Streets)
- Golden Gate Park Children's Playground (near Lincoln Way & 3rd Avenue)

The Committee preliminarily approved a Priority 2 for the above projects.

Aptos Play Area (Aptos & Ocean Avenue)

Wilson reported that the proposal is to construct a new children's play area (the previously existing structures were demolished). The proposal received a Priority 2 in the Fiscal Year 1998-99 Program and the preliminary staff recommendation is a Priority 2 for the Fiscal Year 1999-2000 Program.

The Committee preliminarily approved a Priority 2 for the project.

Campbell-Rutland Mini Play Area (Campbell Avenue & E. Rutland)

Wilson reported that the proposal is to renovate the existing park, including the children's play area. Other site improvements include community gardens in an expanded area of the park (on land under the jurisdiction of the Water Department) known as the Reis Tract that is in the process of being transferred to the Recreation and Park Department. $25,000 was allocated for the project in the Fiscal Year 1997-98 Program and the estimated cost is $400,000 to complete the project. The project was given a Priority 2 in the Fiscal Year 1998-99 Program. The preliminary staff recommendation is a Priority 2 for the Fiscal Year 1999-2000 Program.

Bruce Williams (Trust for Public Land) spoke in support of the project and reported that community workshops had resulted in a prioritization of the following projects: Visitacion Valley Playground and the Reis Tract (now known as the Visitacion Valley Greenway). The Campbell-Rutland Mini Park is squarely

in the middle of the proposed Greenway and key to revitalization of this area. A grant of $35,000 has been secured.

Anne Seeman, Fran Martin, Salvador Velasco, Jeanette Tonitino and Denise Minter spoke in support of the project.

The Committee approved a Priority 1 for the project and a preliminary allocation of $250,000.

Chinese Rec. Ctr. Play Area (Washington & Mason Streets)

Deferred to the meeting of October 27, 1998.

Coffman Pool Rehabilitation (Herz Playground - Visitacion Avenue & Hahn)

Wilson reported that the request is for funds to renovate the facility. The Department of Public Works has provided a cost estimate of $4 million to renovate the pool. $235,000 was previously banked, however, in the Fiscal Year 1998-99 Program, $63,000 was reprogrammed to abate the deficit and $120,000 was reprogrammed to the Richmond Recreation Center. The preliminary staff recommendation is a Priority 2 for the Fiscal Year 1999-2000 Program.

Frank Navarro spoke in support of the project.

The Committee preliminarily approved a Priority 2 for the project.

Douglass Play Area (26th & Douglass Streets)

Wilson reported that the request is to fund the renovation of the children's play area and build a fenced, children's learning garden, expand the existing recreation building, resurface walkways, replace the water fountain, benches, add more benches and picnic tables, and renovate the restrooms. The request is also for funding under the Seed Program. The staff recommendation is for a Priority 2 in the Fiscal Year 1999-2000 Program.

Dorethe Deubler spoke in support of the project.

The Committee approved a Priority 1 for the project and a preliminary allocation of $25,000 as a Seed Program project.

Eureka Valley Rec. Ctr. Play Area (Collingwood & 18th Streets)

Deferred to the meeting of October 27, 1998.

Hayes Valley Clubhouse (Hayes & Buchanan Streets)

Learner reported that there is currently approximately $50,000 in the project account for restroom renovation, although there is a community interest in renovating the entire clubhouse. As planning goes forward, additional monies will be needed. The preliminary staff recommendation is a Priority 2 for the project in the Fiscal Year 1999-2000.

Barbara Wenger, Judy Edmond, Mary Lee Kane, Patricia Walkup and George Williams spoke in support of the project and requested funding for the children's play area, court resurfacing and the clubhouse. Although they did not speak, Josh Joshua, Rebecca Simpson, Sharon Watts and Betsy Brown indicated their support for the project.

The Committee approved a Priority 1 for the project and a preliminary allocation of $150,000.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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There was no public comment.

MEMBERS ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS

Wilson reminded the Committee that the Open Space Tour will take place on Saturday, October 24, 1998. The bus will depart from McLaren Lodge promptly at 9:00 a.m.

Coffino announced that there will be a volunteer clean-up of the children's play area at 10th and Fulton in Golden Gate Park on Saturday, October 17, 1998 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. All are welcome.

Miguel distributed a quote from Jane Jacobs book: *The Death and Life of Great American Cities.*

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m. The next scheduled meeting will be on Tuesday, October 27, 1998 at 6:30 p.m. in the Commission Room, McLaren Lodge, Fell and Stanyan Streets, Golden Gate Park.

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BUS TOUR
Saturday, October 24, 1998
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
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3. Staff Reports
   - Maintenance (Proposition J) and Maintenance/Administration (Proposition E) Budget for the Fiscal Year 1999-2000 Program

4. Discussion and Possible Approval of the Fiscal Year 1999-2000 After School Program Budget

5. Renovation Projects - Discussion and Possible Approval of Priority Status and Preliminary Funding Allocation:
   - Children's Playground Spending Plan
     Mission Dolores Play Area (Dolores & 18th Streets)
     Sgt. Macaulay Play Area (Larkin & O'Farrell Streets)
     Visitacion Valley Playground Play Area (Cora/Leland/Raymond Streets)
   - Chinese Recreation Center Play Area (Washington & Mason Streets)
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   - West Sunset Play Area (39th Avenue & Ortega Street)

6. Renovation Projects - **Consent Agenda Items: Discussion and possible approval of the following projects recommended for preliminary Priority 2 status for the FY99-00 Program.** This would mean that, if the Priority 2 status is approved, these items would not be considered for funding in the Fiscal Year 1999-2000 program, but would be reconsidered for funding in the Fiscal Year 2000-2001 program. These items will be acted upon by a single vote of the Committee. There will be no separate discussion on these items unless a request is made by a Committee member, staff or member of the public, in which case, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered as a separate item

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- Crocker Amazon Improvements (Geneva Avenue & Moscow Street)
- Head Street Mini Park (Head Street & Brotherhood Way)
- Helen Wills Play Area (Broadway & Larkin Streets)
- Hunters Point (Milton Meyer Rec. Ctr.) Play Area (195 Kiska Road)
- Jackson Playground - Restroom (17th & Carolina Streets)
- Junipero Serra Playground (300 Stonecrest Drive)
- Lincoln Park Playground Rehabilitation (34th Avenue & Clement Street)
- Little Hollywood Playground (Lathrop & Tocoloma Streets)
- McKinley Square Slope (20th & Vermont Streets)
- McLaren Park (Visitacion Valley)
- Merced Heights Clubhouse Rehabilitation (Byxbee & Shields Streets)
- Mission Dolores Beautification (18th & Dolores Streets)
- Moscone Playground - East (Chestnut & Buchanan Streets)
- Moscone Playground - West (Chestnut & Buchanan Streets)
- Noe Valley Courts Park (24th & Douglass Streets)
- Potrero Hill Rec. Ctr. Play Area - North (22nd & Arkansas Streets)
- Potrero Hill Rec. Ctr. Play Area - East (22nd & Arkansas Streets)
- Richmond Playground Play Area (18th Avenue & Lake Street)
- Rochambeau Playground - Clubhouse (24th Avenue & Lake Street)
- Rochambeau Playground - Play Area (24th Avenue & Lake Street)
- Rolph Play Area (Potrero Avenue & Cesar Chavez)
- Saint Mary's Rec. Ctr. & Playground (Murray Street & Justin Drive)
- Seed Program
  - Alamo Square Playground (Hayes & Steiner Streets)
  - Duboce Playground (Duboce Avenue & Scott Street)
  - Koshland Park (Page & Buchanan Streets)
  - Western Addition Computer Learning Center - Margaret Hayward PG (Laguna & Turk Streets)
- South Park (64 South Park Avenue)
- Stern Grove Benches (19th Avenue & Sloat Boulevard)
- Stern Grove Croquet Courts (19th Avenue & Sloat Boulevard)
- Sunnyside Playground (Melrose & Edna Streets)
- Upper Noe Rec. Ctr. Play Area (Day & Sanchez Streets)
- Visitacion Valley Clubhouse (Cora/Leland/Raymond Streets)
- Walter Haas Play Areas (Addison/Farnum/Beacon Streets)
- Walter Haas Lighting (Addison/Farnum/Beacon Streets)

- Washington Square Play Area (Filbert & Stockton Streets)
- West Portal Playground Improvements (Ulloa & Lennox Way)

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MINUTES
Park and Open Space Citizens Advisory Committee
Tuesday, October 27, 1998
McLaren Lodge, Golden Gate Park

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ROLL CALL

Members Present:	Gaeta Bell, Co-Chair; Ron Miguel, Co-Chair; M. Terri Hanagan, Jeffrey Henne, Henry Louie, Carolene Marks, Mabel Ng, Gregory Rocca, Camille She, Michele Stratton, Alan Weaver, and Jane Winslow
Members Excused:	Allen Calder, Ina F. Dearman, Bette Landis, Harold Supriano, Julia Viera, Doug Wildman
Members Absent:	Maurice Campbell, Kevin Fox, Mauricio Vela, Claude Wilson
Staff Present:	Ernie Prindle, Acting Assistant General Manager; Deborah Learner, Planner; and Joanne Wilson, Planner, of the Recreation and Park Department

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of October 13, 1998 were amended to correct the name of the Phil and Sala Burton High School on page 2 under *School District Project Status*.

It was moved by Weaver and seconded by Henne to approve the minutes of October 13, 1998 as amended.

STAFF REPORTS

Maintenance (Proposition J) and Maintenance/Administration (Proposition E) Budget for the Fiscal Year 1999-2000 Program

Learner presented the staff recommended budgets for Maintenance (Proposition J) and Maintenance/Administration (Proposition E) for the Fiscal Year 1999-2000 Program.

Learner explained that under the Charter provisions for the Open Space Fund, up to 40% of the Open Space Fund may be used to fund the maintenance of parks and facilities acquired under the previous Open Space cycle known as Proposition J (1974 to 1990). The staff recommended budget total for Proposition J Maintenance for the Fiscal Year 1999-2000 program is $6,077,000, which is an increase of 3% over last year's budget and a total of approximately

36% of the projected revenue. The proposed Proposition J Maintenance budget consists primarily of labor (salaries, fringes, holiday pay) and non-labor (contractual services) costs.

Learner explained that once the Proposition J Maintenance budget is established, the Open Space Fund remainder may then be allocated per the formula described in the Charter. This formula allows up to 25% of the Fund remainder to be used for the maintenance of parks acquired under Proposition E (1990 to the present) and to cover the costs of the Open Space Program administration. The staff recommended Proposition E Maintenance and Administration budget for the Fiscal Year 1999-2000 Program is $1,604,752, which is a total of approximately 15% of the projected Fund remainder. Learner noted, however, that this budget may have some minor adjustments to add maintenance positions for Woh Hei Yuen Park (new Chinatown park). This information will be finalized by the next meeting when the Committee will consider approval of the proposed budget.

- Mabel Ng joined the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

Weaver noted that there is still no park sign at Mullen-Peralta Park and adults are inappropriately loitering around the children's play area at the South of Market Recreation Center (6th and Folsom Streets). Learner stated that she would relay Weaver's concerns to operations staff. In response to Winslow's question regarding recreation programming, Learner suggested that the Committee could request a presentation by operations staff at a future meeting on how staffing levels at playgrounds and recreation centers are determined.

- Carolene Marks joined the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE FISCAL YEAR 1999-2000 AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM BUDGET

It was moved by Winslow and seconded by Hanagan to approve the staff recommended budget for the FY1999-00 After School Program. The motion was unanimously approved.

RENOVATION PROJECTS

Children's Playground Spending Plan)

Wilson reported that two of the staff recommended projects under the Children's Playground Spending Plan (Mission Dolores Park and Visitacion Valley Playground) are rated "A" or "A+" in the *1998 Playground Evaluation Report*, which means that they are considered a high priority for renovation.

- **Mission Dolores Play Area (Dolores & 18th Streets)**

Wilson reported that the preliminary staff recommendation is Priority 1, with an allocation of $375,000 to complete the project budget of $400,000.

Amy Powell, Raquel Medina, and Christine Nahnsen spoke in support of the proposed project.

The Committee approved a Priority 1 for the project and a preliminary allocation of $375,000.

- **Sgt. Macaulay Play Area (Larkin & O'Farrell Streets)**

Wilson reported that the proposal is to create a children's play area at Sgt. Macaulay Park. The preliminary staff recommendation is Priority 1, with an allocation of $200,000 to complete the project budget of $621,000.

Tracey Faulkner, Jacky Spencer-Davies, Graham Dobson, Sherine Ta, Nancy Ong, Robin Mohr and Rosa Alvarado spoke in support of the proposed project. Although they all did not speak, approximately 12 persons were present, who indicated their support of the proposed project.

The Committee approved a Priority 1 for the project and a preliminary allocation of $200,000.

- **Visitacion Valley Playground Play Area (Cora/Leland/Raymond Streets)**

Wilson reported that the preliminary staff recommendation is Priority 1, with an allocation of $250,000 to complete the project budget of $610,000.

The Committee approved a Priority 1 for the project and a preliminary allocation of $250,000.

Chinese Recreation Center Play Area (Washington & Mason Streets)

Wilson reported that the request is for $500,000 to renovate the existing children's play area. The project received a Priority 2 in the FY98-99 Program, and the preliminary staff recommendation for the FY99-00 Program is a Priority 2. Learner noted that the facility has many problems, including seismic problems associated with the building. Disabled access issues are also problematic. The proposal could, potentially, be a multi-million dollar project.

Doreen Der-McLeod spoke in support of the proposed project.

It was moved by Louie and seconded by Hanagan to defer this item to the next meeting. The Committee unanimously approved the motion.

Eureka Valley Rec. Ctr. Play Area (Collingwood & 18th Streets)

The proposal is to renovate the children's play area. Staff reported that the project was a Priority 2 project in the FY98-99 Program and the preliminary staff recommendation is a Priority 2 for FY99-00.

The Committee preliminarily approved a Priority 2 for the project.

West Sunset Play Area (39th Avenue and Ortega Street)

Staff reported that there was a request for funding to install safety surface matting in the children's play area in order to stop sand from drifting onto the adjacent court areas. The preliminary staff recommendation is a Priority 3 for FY99-00 and to refer the item to the Maintenance Division for installation of header boards around the play area (or some other solution to keep the sand in place).

The Committee preliminarily approved a Priority 3.

RENOVATION PROJECTS - CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Per the request of members of the public, the following projects were pulled from the consent agenda and deferred to the next meeting of November 10, 1998:

- Crocker Amazon Improvements (Geneva Avenue & Moscow Street)
- Jackson Playground (17th & Carolina Streets)
- McKinley Square (Vermont & 20th Streets)
- McLaren Park - Pond Restoration (Visitacion Valley)
- Noe Valley Courts Park (24th & Douglass Streets)

Consent Agenda Items - Staff Recommended Priority 2 Projects:

- Buena Vista Park - East Slope Stabilization (Buena Vista & Haight Streets)
- Head Street Mini Park (Head Street & Brotherhood Way)
- Hunters Point (Milton Meyer Rec. Ctr.) Play Area (195 Kiska Road)
- Junipero Serra Playground (300 Stonecrest Drive)
- Lincoln Park Playground Rehabilitation (34th Avenue & Clement Street)
- Little Hollywood Playground (Lathrop & Tocoloma Streets)
- Merced Heights Clubhouse Rehabilitation (Byxbee & Shields Streets)
- Mission Dolores Beautification (18th & Dolores Streets)

- Moscone Playground - East (Chestnut & Buchanan Streets)
- Moscone Playground - West (Chestnut & Buchanan Streets)
- Potrero Hill Rec. Ctr. Play Area - North (22nd & Arkansas Streets)
- Potrero Hill Rec. Ctr. Play Area - East (22nd & Arkansas Streets)
- Rochambeau Playground - Clubhouse (24th Avenue & Lake Street)
- Rochambeau Playground - Play Area (24th Avenue & Lake Street)
- Rolph Play Area (Potrero Avenue & Cesar Chavez)
- Saint Mary's Rec. Ctr. & Playground (Murray Street & Justin Drive)
- Seed Program
  - Alamo Square Playground (Hayes & Steiner Streets)
- South Park (64 South Park Avenue)
- Stern Grove Benches (19th Avenue & Sloat Boulevard)
- Stern Grove Croquet Courts (19th Avenue & Sloat Boulevard)
- Walter Haas Lighting (Addison/Farnum/Beacon Streets)
- West Portal Playground Improvements (Ulloa & Lennox Way)

The Committee preliminarily approved the above consent agenda items as Priority 2 projects.

Helen Wills Play Area (Broadway & Larkin Streets)

Staff reported that the proposal is to renovate the children's play area, upgrade the tennis courts, and clean-up and paint other park features. The project was a Priority 2 in prior program years and the play area is rated "A" in the *1998 Playground Evaluation Report.* The preliminary staff recommendation is a Priority 2.

Chris Huie (Recreation Director at Helen Wills Playground), Angel Aguilera, Sharman Duran, Lonnie Chin (Principal for Spring Valley School), and Katie Vasicek (Kai Ming Head Start) spoke in support of the project.

The Committee approved a Priority 1 and a preliminary allocation of $25,000.

McLaren Park

Staff reported that the proposal is to add trash containers in picnic areas, reopen existing restrooms, provide portable toilets at major picnic areas, close Shelley Drive during evening hours, permanently close a portion of Brazil Street, and remove fennel and debris from the south ridge of Mansell along Sunnydale Avenue. Staff noted that the 1987 McLaren Park Bond has funded several projects in the park (per the McLaren Park Master Plan adopted in 1996), including the Roundhouse, Amphitheater, play areas at Louis Sutter and Herz Playgrounds, and improvements at the Upper Reservoir and along Mansell.

Therefore, staff has not requested Open Space Funds because of the availability of bond funds. The preliminary staff recommendation was a Priority 2.

Franco Mancini (Friends of McLaren Park) and Keith Grier (Recreation Director, McLaren Park/Friends of McLaren Park) spoke in support of the project.

The Committee preliminarily approved a Priority 2 for the project.

Richmond Playground Play Area (18th Avenue & Lake Street)

Staff reported that the proposal is to renovate the play area, including repair and painting of benches, repair or replacement of the children's play structure, planting of outdoor areas and regular maintenance. The play area is rated "B" in the *1998 Playground Evaluation Report*. The preliminary staff recommendation is a Priority 2 for the project.

The Committee preliminarily approved a Priority 2 for the project.

Seed Program

- **Duboce Playground (Duboce Avenue & Scott Street)**

The proposal is to renovate the children's play area. An initial appropriation of $50,000 in Open Space Funds occurred in a previous program. Staff reported that in order to combine the existing two play areas into a single new play area, the project cost estimate would be approximately $400,000. The preliminary staff recommendation is a Priority 2.

Janet Scheuer, Raymon Bass, and Bill Garvit spoke in support of the project.

The Committee approved a Priority 1 and a preliminary allocation of $50,000 for the project.

- **Koshland Park (Page & Buchanan Streets)**

Staff reported that the proposal is to renovate the park, including the children's play area. To date, $350,000 has been allocated for the project. In addition, $400,000 has been raised by the community for the project. The total project cost estimate is approximately $750,000. The project was recently advertised for bid, and there are sufficient funds to cover the base bid. Staff has identified additional funds (approximately $200,000) to implement some of the bid alternate items. Therefore, the preliminary staff recommendation is a Priority 2 for the project.

The Committee preliminarily approved a Priority 2 for the project.

- **Western Addition Computer Learning Center - Margaret Hayward PG (Laguna & Turk Streets)**

Staff reported that this is a new Seed Program proposal to employ a grant writer to seek funding from other sources, such as the San Francisco Foundation, to recruit and employ a full time director and obtain legal assistance to establish an appropriate organization structure for the proposed computer learning center in an unused, existing building (Emergency Command Center) at Margaret Hayward Playground. Staff also reported that the Open Space Fund cannot be used as requested in this application (to hire a grants writer). Staff discussed this issue with a member of the community (George Williams). As a Seed Program project, funds could be allocated for the project with the expectation that the community would raise additional monies for the project. The preliminary staff recommendation is a Priority 2 for the project.

Carol Moilan (St. Paulus Church) spoke in support of the project and stated that the community was willing to alter the proposal in keeping with the Committee's adopted Seed Program. She also stated that the existing building was constructed in 1993 and complies with current disabled access codes. George R. Williams also spoke in support of the project.

The Committee preliminarily approved a Priority 2 for the project.

Sunnyside Playground (Melrose & Edna Streets)

Staff reported that the proposal is to fund the renovation of the park, including replacement and renovation of the children's play area, construction of a new clubhouse (recreation "hut"), fencing, entry gate, new stage/gazebo, court resurfacing, new community gardens on the northeast slope, security lighting, and to increase the height of the fence on the south side of the main field. The preliminary staff recommendation is a Priority 2, however, it was noted that the courts could be added to the Court Resurfacing list of projects.

Arnold Levine, Andrea O'Leary spoke in support of the project.

The Committee preliminarily approved a Priority 2 for the project.

It was moved by Winslow and seconded by Henne to reconsider the prioritization of the project under the Seed Program category. The motion was unanimously approved.

The Committee approved a Priority 1 and a preliminary allocation of $25,000 as a Seed Program project.

Upper Noe Recreation Center and Playground (Day & Sanchez Streets)

Staff reported that the proposal is to replace the children's play area, renovate the existing recreation center, improve security lighting, provide disabled access, repair the irrigation system, and renovate the athletic field. The children's play area is rated "A" in the *1998 Playground Evaluation Report*. The preliminary staff recommendation is a Priority 2.

Greg Clark and Aaron Donsky spoke in support of the project.

The Committee approved a Priority 1 for the project and a preliminary allocation of $0 with the expectation that more information will become available through the Park Assessment Project and that some less costly items, such as security lighting, irrigation and athletic field rehabilitation will be considered under the Park Renovation category.

Visitacion Valley Clubhouse (Cora/Leland/Raymond Streets)

Staff reported that the proposal is to renovate the existing clubhouse. To date, $612,062 has been allocated and the project cost estimate is $1,062,062 leaving a budget shortfall of $450,000. The preliminary staff recommendation is a Priority 2.

The Committee preliminarily approved a Priority 2 for the project.

Walter Haas Play Areas (Addison/Farnum/Beacon Streets)

The proposal is to renovate the two children's play areas, both rated "A" in the *1998 Playground Evaluation Report*. The Community has proposed three funding options: 1) $950,000 for a new, single play area and other park renovation projects, 2) $450,000 for only the play area project and minor landscaping, and 3) $25,000 for design. Resurfacing of the basketball court is also proposed. The preliminary staff recommendation is a Priority 2 for the project.

The Committee approved a Priority 1 for the project and a preliminary allocation of $25,000 as a Seed Project.

Washington Square Play Area (Filbert & Stockton Streets)

Staff reported that the proposal is to renovate the existing children's play area. The preliminary staff recommendation is a Priority 2.

Although they did not speak, Herb Kosovitz and Arthur Chano indicated their support of the project and submitted a letter.

The Committee preliminarily approved a Priority 2 for the project.

PUBLIC COMMENT

At this time, members of the public may address the Committee on items that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Park and Open Space Citizens Advisory Committee. Individual members of the public may address the Committee for up to 3 minutes.

Carol Moilan spoke in support of consideration of safety and security issues in Open Space funding requests and working with the community and the San Francisco Police Department to improve park safety.

MEMBERS ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS

There were no members announcements or requests

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m. The next scheduled meeting will be on Tuesday, November 10, 1998 at 6:30 p.m. in the Commission Room, McLaren Lodge, Fell and Stanyan Streets, Golden Gate Park.

Minutes prepared by

Joanne Wilson
Park Planner

Note: These minutes set forth all actions taken by the Park and Open Space Citizens Advisory Committee on matters stated, but not necessarily in the chronological order in which the matters were taken up.

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Tuesday, November 10, 1998 - 6:30 p.m.
McLaren Lodge - Commission Room
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AGENDA

1. Roll Call

2. Approval of Minutes of October 27, 1998

3. Discussion and Possible Approval of the Fiscal Year 1999-2000 Proposition J Maintenance Budget and Proposition E Maintenance and Administration Budget

4. Renovation Projects:

Athletic Field Rehabilitation (Various Locations)
Chinese Recreation Center Play Area (Washington & Mason Streets)
Crocker Amazon Improvements (Geneva Avenue & Moscow Street)
Franklin Square Soccer Field and Restroom (17th & Bryant Streets)
Hilltop Play Area (LaSalle Street & Whitney Young Circle)
Jackson Playground (17th & Carolina Streets)
McKinley Square (20th & Vermont Streets)
McLaren Park - Pond Restoration (Cambridge & Oxford Streets)
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Noe Valley Courts Park (24th & Douglass Streets)
Park Renovation Plan (Various Locations)

- Administration
- Court Resurfacing
- Disabled Access
- Erosion Control
- Fencing
- Hazardous Materials
- Irrigation
- Security Lighting

Seed Category

- Pioneer Park

5. Staff Reports
   - Property Acquisition Status
   - Development Status

6. Public Comment

7. Members Announcements and Requests

8. Adjournment

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Members Excused:	Ina F. Dearman, Henry Louie, Gregory Rocca
Members Absent:	Maurice Campbell, Mauricio Vela, Julia Viera,
Staff Present:	Deborah Learner and Joanne Wilson, Planning staff of the Recreation and Park Department

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of October 27, 1998 were amended to show the following:

- Weaver requested that the following sentence be added at the beginning of the fourth paragraph on page 2: *Weaver suggested that the Committee and staff need to tighten supervision of the maintenance of projects funded through the Open Space Program. He cited the following two examples.*

- Hanagan requested that the last sentence of the fourth paragraph on page 2 be modified as follows: *Learner suggested that the Committee could request a presentation by operations staff at a future meeting on how staffing levels and usage at playgrounds and recreation centers are determined.*

- Winslow noted the misspelling of Arthur Chang's name in the first paragraph on page 9.

- Miguel requested that the discussion of renovation projects beginning on page 2 include a paragraph explaining why these projects, which were thought to be fully funded under the Fiscal Year 1998-1999 Program, now require additional funding. [NOTE: The following sentence will be added to page 2: *In the previous Open Space Program (FY98-99), it was expected that the funding allocations for both Sgt. Macaulay Play Area and Visitacion Valley Playground Play Area would complete these project budgets. Bids received recently for similar projects, however, show that the cost of*

construction has significantly increased due to the number of large construction projects in the Bay Area (Airport expansion, Yerba Buena, City Hall, etc.) and the limited number of contractors applying for City jobs.

The minutes of October 27, 1998 were approved as amended.

FISCAL YEAR 1999-2000 PROPOSITION J MAINTENANCE BUDGET AND PROPOSITION E MAINTENANCE AND ADMINISTRATION BUDGET

Learner presented a revised budget proposal for the Proposition E Maintenance and Administration budget for the Fiscal Year 1999-2000 Program. The staff recommended budget for Proposition E Maintenance and is $1,678,811. There were no revisions to the proposed Proposition J Maintenance Budget as presented at the previous meeting.

- Doug Wildman arrived at 6:48 p.m.

There was a general discussion of the various aspects of park maintenance and it was suggested by Weaver that information from the Department's city-wide assessment be sorted to obtain information on parks funded through the Open Space Program relative to maintenance needs. It was also suggested that the Maintenance Yard staff be invited to a future meeting for a staff report on maintenance needs and the budget provided through the Open Space Program.

- Claude Wilson joined the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

It was moved by Winslow and seconded by Supriano to approve the staff recommended budgets. The motion was withdrawn when several Committee members voiced the need to hear from the operations staff.

It was moved by Weaver and seconded by Winslow to defer approval of the proposed budgets pending a request to Ron de Leon and Audree Jones-Taylor to attend the next meeting to report on the available data, and the method used to determine on the usage of recreational spaces in their areas. In addition, Mr. De Leon could provide information on the operations of the Maintenance Yard.

- Michelle Stratton joined the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

RENOVATION PROJECTS

Athletic Field Rehabilitation (Various Locations)

Wilson reported that the proposal is to fund an ongoing program that consists primarily of material, supplies and equipment for the renovation of athletic fields.

In the Fiscal Year 1998-99 Program, the project fund balance was used to renovate the Beach Chalet Soccer Field. In addition, a supplemental appropriation of $450,000 was approved in the Department's Fiscal Year 1997-98 General Fund budget to renovate soccer fields at Youngblood Coleman, Crocker Amazon, and Oceanview Playgrounds. Therefore, the project received a Priority 2 in the Fiscal Year 1998-99 Program. A community request for funding in the Fiscal Year 1999-2000 Program proposes the renovation of Youngblood Coleman, Franklin Square (new restroom, fencing, bleachers, field lights, moveable goals), Mission Dolores Park (soil/drainage), Louis Sutter, and Golden Gate Park meadows. In addition, the request is for new soccer fields adjacent to the Beach Chalet Soccer Field (Richmond/Sunset Sewage Plant) and Balboa Park (adjacent to the pool). Wilson noted that the proposed funding for the Franklin Square restroom is recommended by staff under another category.

Wilson reported that the preliminary staff recommendation is a Priority 1, with an allocation of $100,000.

Andrew L. Solow (Mission Youth Soccer League/Ground Sports Advisory Committee), and Ric Olivas, Cary Jones and Chris Duderstadt (all of the Ground Sports Advisory Committee) spoke in support of the proposed project.

It was moved by Weaver and seconded by Hanagan to move Athletic Field Rehabilitation to the Park Renovation category. The motion was approved.

The Committee approved a Priority 1 for the project and a preliminary allocation of $100,000 under the Park Renovation category.

Chinese Recreation Center Play Area (Washington & Mason Streets)

Wilson reported that the request is for $500,000 to renovate the existing children's play area rated "A" in the 1998 *Playground Evaluation Report*. The project received a Priority 2 in the Fiscal Year 1998-99 Program. The preliminary staff recommendation is a Priority 2 with no funding in the Fiscal Year 1999-2000 Program. Learner noted that members of the community who supported both Helen Wills Playground and Chinese Recreation Center stated a preference to proceed with Helen Wills Playground.

Camille She spoke in support of the proposed project on behalf of the Chinatown Better Parks Committee, but acknowledged that if only one project could be funded in Chinatown, the preferred project would be the renovation of Helen Wills Playground.

The Committee preliminarily approved a Priority 2 for the project.

Crocker Amazon Improvements (Geneva Avenue & Moscow Street)

Wilson reported that the request is for funding for: 1) Expansion of the existing clubhouse for a multipurpose room; 2) rehabilitation of the three children's play areas; 3) renovation of courts; 4) renovation of athletic fields; 5) development of playground safety program for neighborhood park users; 6) reforestation; 7) habitat enhancement (rock outcrop); and 8) preservation of neighborhood character. Learner noted that a number of improvements have been completed at Crocker Amazon under the 1989 Bond, including a new children's play area, athletic field (soccer) irrigation/lighting, court resurfacing, and a new parking lot on east side of the park. All of these improvements have taken place in the last ten years. Also, the proposed Skateboard Park is in design (to be located on the east side of the park). The preliminary staff recommendation is a Priority 2 with no funding in the Fiscal Year 1999-2000 Program. The courts are included in the list of court resurfacing projects (which would need a substantial budget to cover the required disabled access improvements) and the rock outcrop area is addressed under the Natural Areas Program.

Victoria Hamilton spoke in support of the proposal. Ralph Barsi spoke in support of renovation of the bocce ball courts as well as other improvements.

The Committee preliminarily approved a Priority 2 for the project.

Franklin Square Soccer Field and Restroom (17th & Bryant Streets)

Wilson reported that the soccer field renovation and expansion was completed in 1997. The proposal is for funding of a new restroom near the accessible park entrance on 17th Street. Sewer and water hook-ups are already in place. The staff preliminary recommendation is a Priority 1 and an allocation of $250,000 to complete the project.

Andy Solow spoke in support of the proposed project.

The Committee approved a Priority 1 and a preliminary allocation of $250,000 for the project.

Hilltop Play Area (LaSalle Street & Whitney Young Circle)

Wilson reported that the request is to renovate the children's play area, previously designated a Priority 2 in the Fiscal Year 1998-99 Program. It was noted that the renovation of nearby Adam Rogers Park, including a new children's play area, was recently completed. The staff preliminary

recommendation is a Priority 2 and no funding in the Fiscal Year 1999-2000 Program.

The Committee approved a Priority 2 for the project.

Jackson Playground (17th & Carolina Streets)

Wilson reported that the proposal is to renovate the existing restrooms. $50,000 is available and the project was given a Priority 2 in the Fiscal Year 1998-99 Program. The preliminary staff recommendation is a Priority 2 with no funding in the Fiscal Year 1999-2000 Program.

The Committee approved a Priority 2 for the project.

McKinley Square (20th & Vermont Streets)

Wilson reported that $537,000 in Open Space monies was allocated for the renovation of the park, including the children's play area, disabled access improvements, dog run area (slope), new irrigation, benches, drinking fountain and landscaping. In addition, other Open Space fund sources were used for the project, including $10,000 from Disabled Access, $15,000 from Irrigation and $20,000 from Hazardous Materials, bringing the total to $582,000. The project was divided into two parts for construction bid purposes. The improvements proposed for the upper park area (including the children's play area) were identified as the base bid and the improvements to the slope area (dog run) were designated as alternate bid items. Unanticipated costs related to presence of potential toxics in the soil (serpentine soil and lead) and the current contracting climate resulted in high bids. The job was awarded to Seto Construction who submitted a base bid of $404,800. The total project budget consisting of the base bid, contingency, construction management and other was $510,280. The bid alternate items ranged from $83,300 to $124,458. In order to award bid alternate items, additional funds (approximately $17,000 or 20%) would also be needed to cover additional soft costs, such as increased contingency and construction management. The preliminary staff recommendation is a Priority 2 with no funding for the Fiscal Year 1999-2000 Program.

Cathy Franklin spoke in support of the project.

The Committee preliminarily approved a Priority 1 for the project. It was moved by Hanagan and seconded by Fox to reconsider the priority status of the project and to urge staff to seek funds from existing funding categories (such as Hazardous Materials) to complete as much of the project as possible. The motion was approved and the Committee preliminarily approved a Priority 2 for the project.

McLaren Park - Pond Restoration (Cambridge & Oxford Streets)

Wilson reported that David Graves of the Friends of McLaren Park requested that his proposal be withdrawn. The preliminary staff recommendation is a Priority 2.

The Committee approved a Priority 3 for the project.

Mission Pool (19th and Linda Streets)

Wilson reported that the project includes a new entry, disabled access improvements to pool building, and upgrade of existing restrooms in the clubhouse for disabled access. Roof work is also needed. The total project cost is approximately $857,000. The preliminary staff recommendation is a Priority 1 with an allocation of $350,000.

The Committee approved a Priority 1 and a preliminary allocation of $350,000 for the project.

Noe Valley Courts Park

Wilson reported that the request is for funding to renovate or replace the existing restroom, replace the existing water fountain with a new unit equipped with a dog bowl, and renovate or replace all benches and add at least four more benches. The preliminary staff recommendation is a Priority 2 with no funding in the Fiscal Year 1999-2000 Program.;

Dorthe Deubler spoke in support of the project and noted that, through the Assessment Program, Noe Courts has received new benches and funds have been raised for a drinking fountain. A portable restroom has been installed. Therefore, the request is currently for funding for a permanent restroom.

The Committee preliminarily approved a Priority 2 for the project.

Park Renovation Plan (Various Locations)

Wilson reported that the purpose of the Park Renovation category is to shift funding to smaller projects that can, for the most part, be completed with in-house staff and/or using informal contracts. The preliminary staff recommendation is a Priority 1 with a total allocation of $691,816 for the Fiscal Year 1999-2000 Program as follows:

- Administration $150,000
- Court Resurfacing $151,816
- Disabled Access $ 75,000
- Erosion Control $ 25,000
- Fencing $ 75,000
- Hazardous Materials $ 40,000
- Irrigation $125,000
- Security Lighting $ 50,000

Learner explained that the Administration category is for salaries for three staff persons: 1) contracts manager, 2) landscape architect and 3) engineer.

The Committee approved a Priority 1 and a preliminary allocation of $691,816 per the staff recommendation. [NOTE: In an earlier action, the Committee approved $100,000 for Athletic Field Renovation and to move this project to the Park Renovation category. Therefore, the Committee preliminarily approved a total of $791,816 for Park Renovation.]

Seed Category

Wilson reported that the purpose of the Seed Category is to provide a portion of the project budget in Open Space funds as leverage to encourage community fundraising.

- **Pioneer Park**

Staff stated that it was reported last Spring that the community had raised $614,000, including $54,000 through the "sale" of stair tiles. At that time, the goal was to raise an additional $146,000. The cost estimate for the project at that time was approximately $1,000,000. The project was recently advertised for bid and one bid for $1.5 million was received. The preliminary staff recommendation is a Priority 1 and an allocation of $200,000 for the Fiscal Year 1999-2000 Program.

Joe Butler spoke in support of the project and reported that to date, the community has raised a $350,000 in donations, secured grant funds in the amount of $546,000, and received a bequest for $25,000, for a total of $1,373,000 in matching funds from the community.

The Committee approved a Priority 1 and a preliminary allocation of $200,000 for the project.

STAFF REPORTS

Open Space Acquisition Projects - Status Report

Wilson presented a status report on the active acquisition projects, including Edgehill Mountain Open Space, Esprit Park, Natural Areas Acquisition (Hawk Hill and Palou Phelps Hillside), North Mission Open Space, Sharon Arts Studio, South of Market Park, 23rd Street and Treat Avenue, and Visitacion Valley Greenway (Reis Tract). A written summary was distributed.

Wilson also distributed summaries of the State budget funding requests for Fiscal Year 1999-2000. Maps of proposed project sites prepared by Stephen Shotland of the City Planning Department and the October 24, 1998 Open Space Tour Itinerary were also distributed for Committee members who missed the tour and/or wished to visit additional sites.

Open Space Development Projects - Status Report

This item was deferred to the December 1, 1998 meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

At this time, members of the public may address the Committee on items that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Park and Open Space Citizens Advisory Committee. Individual members of the public may address the Committee for up to 3 minutes.

Andy Solow requested a joint committee meeting between the Grounds Sports Advisory Committee and the Open Space Citizen Advisory Committee.

MEMBERS ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS

Miguel reported that the Co-Chairs received faxes from representatives of the Alamo Square renovation project stating that they did not receive agendas for the meeting of October 27, 1998. They have requested a chance to appear before the Committee at a future meeting. Miguel suggested that this item be rescheduled for the next meeting. The Committee concurred.

The Alamo Square project was deferred to meeting of December 1, 1998.

Miguel also reported that he received an e-mail from the Friends of Edgehill Mountain regarding the filing of an application by a contractor to construct housing on lots that have been identified in the City's General Plan as proposed for acquisition for open space. The Friends of Edgehill Mountain have requested

that members of the Committee send a request to the Department of City Planning requesting an environmental impact report for the proposal due to the past history of unstable slopes on the hillside. Wilson reported that the Office of Environmental Review in the Department of City Planning has requested a review of the proposal by the Structural Advisory Committee (Department of Building Inspection) regarding the stability of the slope as it relates to the proposed construction. Learner advised, that if a letter is written, it should be strictly related to site conditions that could impact park property below the subject site, so as not to be construed as a "taking" of private property. This item will be placed on the agenda for the December 1, 1998 meeting.

Wilson announced that due to a scheduling conflict, the location of the next Open Space meeting on December 1, 1998 may be changed. If needed, the new meeting location will be noted on the upcoming public notice/agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m. The next scheduled meeting will be on Tuesday, December 1, 1998 at 6:30 p.m. in the Commission Room, McLaren Lodge, Fell and Stanyan Streets, Golden Gate Park, unless a location change is noted in the public meeting announcement (agenda).

Minutes prepared by

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OPEN SPACE/PARK RENOVATION
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

McLAREN LODGE, GOLDEN GATE PARK
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
PARK AND OPEN SPACE CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Tuesday, December 1, 1998 - 6:30 p.m.
McLaren Lodge - Commission Room
Fell and Stanyan Streets, Golden Gate Park

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AGENDA

1. Roll Call

2. Approval of Minutes of November 10, 1998

3. Staff Reports

   - Playgrounds and Recreation Centers Operations: Staffing Levels and Use (De Leon/Jones-Taylor)
   - Maintenance Yard Operations: Maintenance of Open Space Funded Projects (De Leon)
   - Open Space Development Projects: Status Report (Wilson)
   - Distribution of the Draft Five Year Plan (Wilson)

4. Edgehill Mountain Open Space - Discussion and Possible Approval of a Letter from the Committee to the Environmental Review Officer (Department of City Planning) Regarding the Potential Adverse Impact of Proposed Development Adjacent to Park Property

5. Renovation Projects - Discussion and Possible Approval of Priority Status and Preliminary Funding Allocation:

   Seed Category
   - Alamo Square (Hayes & Steiner Streets)

6. Renovation Projects - Discussion and Possible Approval of Reprogramming Funds from a Completed Project to a Project Contingency Fund:

   - Precita Park (Precita & Folsom Streets)
   - Children's Play Areas - Contingency Fund (New Category - Various Locations)

7. Acquisition and Development Projects - Discussion and Possible Approval of Priority Status and Preliminary Funding Allocation:

   Consent Agenda Items: The following acquisition and development projects are recommended for Priority 3 status for the Fiscal Year 1999-2000 Program. This would mean that, if the priority 3 status is approved, these items would be deleted from the Open Space Program options (unless renewed in a future Program by a request from the public, Committee members or staff). These items will be acted upon by a single vote of the Committee. There will be no separate discussion on these items unless a request is made by members of the Committee, staff, or the public, in which case, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered as a separate item. Any members of the public addressing the Committee will be limited to a maximum time limit of three minutes for all items severed from the Consent Agenda.

   The following projects have either received full funding to complete their budgets or the request for funding has been withdrawn:

   - Richmond Recreation Center (18th Avenue & California Street)
   - Saint Mary's Square Rooftop (California Street & Grant Avenue)
   - Sharon Arts Center, New Site (Golden Gate Park)

   Consent Agenda Items: The following acquisition and development projects are recommended for Priority 2 status for the FY99-00 Program. This would mean that, if the priority 2 status is approved, these items would not be considered for funding in the Fiscal Year 1999-2000 program, but would be reconsidered for funding in the Fiscal Year 2000-2001 program. These items will be acted upon by a single vote of the Committee. There will be no separate discussion on these items unless a request is made by members of the Committee, staff or the public, in which case, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered as a separate item. Any members of the public addressing the Committee will be limited to a maximum time limit of three minutes for all items severed from the Consent Agenda.

- Athletic Field Development (No Site Identified for Acquisition/Various Sites identified for Development)
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- Lessing/Sears Mini Park Extension (Lessing & Sears Streets)
- Minna Street Mini Park (7th & Minna Streets)
- North Mission Open Space (Various Locations near 16th & Mission Streets)
- Project Contingency (Various Projects/Locations)
- Randall Museum - Master Plan Implementation (199 Museum Way)
- Regional Trails (Various Locations)
- Seed Program
  - Edgehill Mountain Open Space Extension I (Edgehill/Kensington Way)
  - Edgehill Mountain Open Space Extension II (Edgehill/Kensington Way)
  - Esprit Park (19th & Minnesota Streets)
- South of Market Park (7th & Harrison Streets)
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8. Public Comment

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MINUTES
Park and Open Space Citizens Advisory Committee
Tuesday, December 1, 1998
McLaren Lodge, Golden Gate Park

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ROLL CALL

Members Present: Gaeta Bell, Co-Chair and Jane Winslow, Acting Co-Chair; Maurice Campbell, Kevin Fox, M. Terri Hanagan, Jeffrey Henne, Bette Landis, Henry Louie, Mabel Ng, Gregory Rocca, Camille She, Michele Stratton, Harold Supriano, Julia Viera and Doug Wildman.

Members Excused: Allen Calder, Ina F. Dearman, Ron Miguel, Alan Weaver

Members Absent: Carolene Marks, Mauricio Vela, Claude Wilson,

Staff Present: Ernie Prindle, Acting Assistant General Manager; Ron de Leon, Superintendent of the Northern Division; Michael Morlin, Assistant Superintendent of the Northern Division; Linda Woo, Assistant Superintendent of the Northern Division; Mario Avendano, Assistant Superintendent for Structural Maintenance; Joanne Wilson, Planner, of the Recreation and Park Department; and Stephen Shotland of the City Planning Department

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of November 10, 1998 were amended to show the following:

- Supriano was an excused absence.

- Winslow requested that the sixth paragraph on page 7 be amended to state: *Joe Butler spoke in support of the project and reported that to date, the committee has raised $337,000 in donations and grants from the community and $634,000 from city departments (including the Open Space Committee), for a total of $971,000 in funds.*

- She requested that the seventh paragraph on page 3 be amended to state: *Camille She spoke in support of the proposed project on behalf of the Committee for Better Parks in Chinatown,...*

It was moved by Supriano and seconded by Louie to approve the minutes of November 10, 1998 as amended.

STAFF REPORTS

Playgrounds and Recreation Centers Operations: Staffing Levels and Use

Ron de Leon, Superintendent of the Northern Division, introduced Linda Woo (Assistant Superintendent of the Northern Division) who described how staff levels and use is determined at various Recreation and Park Department facilities. Woo stated that staff levels are determined based on four criteria: 1) size and type of facility, 2) hours of operations, 3) number of days of operation, and 4) types of programs offered at the facility.

De Leon stated that Department staff is required to visit facilities regularly to evaluate the effectiveness of existing recreational programs and the need for modified or additional programs. De Leon stated that he would provide the Committee with an example of the monthly summary of public use for a typical satellite area. De Leon also stated that the Department's assessment process has provided valuable input from the public regarding the types of programs and facilities needed.

Michael Morlin (Assistant Superintendent of the Northern Division) reported on maintenance funded through the Open Space Program. Maintenance funding covers the cost of gardeners, custodians, supervisors, equipment, materials and supplies. De Leon added that a van and painting crew, as well as a new painting supervisor, have been approved in the budget by the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor. These additions will help the Department in the ongoing abatement of graffiti. The goal is to eradicate graffiti within 24 hours of being reported at a site.

Maintenance Yard Operations: Maintenance of Open Space Funded Projects

Mario Avendano, Assistant Superintendent for Structural Maintenance, provided an overview of the Maintenance Yard operations. The Yard is responsible for maintenance and repair of over 200 facilities. This effort requires a multi-craft operation (carpenters, painters, plumbers, ironworkers, laborers, masons, etc.). Over 1,000 work orders are received each month. These work orders are prioritized by need, and particular attention is given to work orders involving public safety issues. Given the limited staff and the large demand for repairs, the maintenance of many facilities is often deferred (if it does not involve an immediate safety issue). Avendano reported that the work order system is being transformed into a computerized system to improve efficiency, communication, and tracking of work orders.

Open Space Development Projects: Status Report

Wilson presented a status report on the active development projects, including Boeddeker Park, Community Gardens, Eureka Valley Recreation Center, Japan Peace Plaza, King Pool, Lessing Sears Mini Park, Minna Mini Park, Natural Areas Implementation, North Beach Pool, the Randall Museum, Richmond Recreation Center, Saint Mary's Square (Rooftop) and Skateboard Park. A written summary was distributed.

Fox asked for information regarding Rose-Page Mini Park fencing and specifically when it will be completed. Landis suggested that the AMC Theaters be contacted regarding funding of the Japan Peace Plaza.

- Rocca joined the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Distribution of the Draft Five Year Plan

Wilson distributed a draft copy of the updated Five Year Plan prepared by staff for review by the Committee. Wilson explained that the Committee would consider the adoption of an updated Five Year Plan at a future meeting.

EDGEHILLL MOUNTAIN OPEN SPACE - REVIEW OF DRAFT LETTER TO CITY PLANNING DEPARTMENT

This item was deferred until the meeting of December 15, 1998.

RENOVATION PROJECTS

Seed Category - Alamo Square (Hayes & Steiner Streets)

Wilson reported that the proposal involves renovating the children's play area at Alamo Square Park. A total of $100,000 has been allocated for this project to date, and in the Fiscal Year 1998-99 Program, the project received a Priority 2 with no funding. Staff did not have information regarding funds raised by the community for the project. The estimated cost of the project is $400,000 to $500,000. Wilson stated that the preliminary staff recommendation is a Priority 2 for the project in the Fiscal Year 1999-2000 Program.

Grace Shohet spoke in support of the project and stated that several financial commitments are being developed, including funding from McKesson Corporation ($7,000), funding by the Alamo Square Neighborhood Association to hire a grants writer ($2,000) and neighborhood donations (about $1,200). Additional foundation and grant research is underway. Karen Saux and Mark Topetcher also spoke in support of the project.

The Committee approved a Priority 1 for the project and a preliminary funding allocation of $50,000.

Precita Park (Precita & Folsom Streets) and the Children's Play Areas Contingency Fund (New Category - Various Locations)

Wilson explained that there is a balance of $49,197 remaining in the project account for the renovation of Precita Park. This renovation project has been completed, therefore, staff recommends the reprogramming of the fund balance to a new project. The recommended new project would be a contingency fund for the renovation of children's play areas. This contingency fund would be used to augment construction budgets if the construction bids received exceed the project funds available.

It was moved by Viera and seconded by Landis to reprogram the Precita Park project fund balance as recommended by staff. The Committee unanimously approved the motion.

ACQUISITION AND DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

Consent Agenda Items - Staff Recommended Priority 3 Projects:

Wilson explained that the following projects have either received full funding to complete their budgets or the request for funding has been withdrawn.

- Richmond Recreation Center (18th & California Street)
- Saint Mary's Square Rooftop (California Street & Grant Avenue)
- Sharon Arts Center, New Site (Golden Gate Park)

It was moved by Landis and seconded by Hanagan to preliminarily approve a Priority 3 for the above projects as recommended by staff. The Committee unanimously approved the motion.

Consent Agenda Items - Staff Recommended Priority 2 Projects:

- Brewster/Franconia Extension (Brewster & Franconia Streets)
- Lessing/Sears Mini Park Extension (Lessing & Sears Streets)
- Minna Street Mini Park (7th & Minna Streets)
- Project Contingency (Various Projects/Locations)
- Regional Trails (Various Locations)
- Seed Program - Edgehill Mountain Open Space Extension II
- 23rd Street & Treat Avenue Site (between Harrison & Folsom Streets)
- 3620 - 19th Street Site (between Guerrero & Dolores Streets)

It was moved by Hanagan and seconded by Rocca to preliminarily approve the above consent agenda items as Priority 2 projects. The Committee unanimously approved the motion.

Athletic Field Development

This item was deferred until the meeting of December 15, 1998.

Boeddeker Park Center (Ellis, Taylor, Eddy and Jones Streets)

Wilson reported that the volunteer project sponsored by the Rotary Club is substantially complete. The volunteer project, consisting of interim improvements to the play area (fencing) and new access through the building, is under construction (pending completion of punchlist items). The original request was for funding to develop the adjacent parcel as an indoor recreation center with a full basketball court, weight room, storage rooms, office, display hallway and possible use of the facility's roof as outdoor play space. The estimated cost is $1,525,000. The preliminary staff recommendation is a Priority 2 for the Fiscal Year 1999-2000 Program.

Garret Jenkins (North of Market Planning Coalition) spoke in support of the project. Stuart Myfield (Recreation Director at Boeddeker Park) spoke in support of the project and reported that the Rotary Club has spent approximately $400,000 on improvements to the park.

The Committee preliminarily approved a Priority 2 for the project.

Haight Fillmore Theater (Haight & Fillmore Streets)

Wilson reported that the proposal is to acquire an existing theater at 560 Haight Street, between Fillmore and Steiner Streets, for a community center. The preliminary staff recommendation is a Priority 2 for the Fiscal Year 1999-2000 Program. Shotland reported that there is an upcoming discretionary review before the Planning Commission on the proposed condominium project proposed for this site. If the Planning Commission chooses to take discretionary review of the project, design requirements beyond those of the Planning Code may be instituted.

Jim Houllihian, Joe McCune, Sydney Campos, Jeri Thompson, Sherman Hill, Lynne Elman, Donna Hunter and Mike Scott spoke in support of the project. Although he did not speak, Matthew Ebert indicated his support of the project.

The Committee preliminarily approved a Priority 1 for the project under the Seed Program. The Committee approved a preliminary allocation of $25,000 for the project.

North Mission Open Space (Various Locations near 16th & Mission Streets)

Wilson reported that the request is for funding to acquire a site in the north Mission area for a mini park with play equipment. Several sites have been considered, including a former mortuary site at 425-435 Valencia Street with approximately 10,200 square feet. The owner of this site is asking $1.5 to $2 million. Other potential sites include a large L-shaped lot on 14th Street and Woodward Street (between Mission and Valencia Streets) with 23,000 square feet. The owner is asking $1.5 million. To date, a total of $500,000 has been allocated for the project. The preliminary staff recommendation is a Priority 2 for the project in the Fiscal Year 1999-2000 program.

Jerilyn Hesse, Chris Whitacre, Oscar Wolter-Duran (St. John's Urban Institute - Youth Program) spoke in support of the project. Several children from St. John's Urban Institute also indicated their support of the project.

The Committee approved a Priority 1 for the project and a preliminary allocation of $150,000.

Randall Museum - Master Plan Implementation (199 Museum Way)

Wilson reported that the funding request is for further implementation of the Randall Museum Master Plan. Design of exterior improvements (parking lot, entry, environmental learning garden and observation deck) is underway. To date, $450,000 in Open Space Funds have been allocated and the Friends of the Randall Museum have raised $135,000 for a combined total of $585,000. The estimated cost to complete the first phase of the project (parking lot and entry) is approximately $825,000. The preliminary staff recommendation is a Priority 2 for the project in the Fiscal Year 1999-2000 Program.

John Dillon (Science Curator, Randall Museum), Carolyn Galbriotti (Friends of the Randall Museum), and Ben Harwood (Friends of the Randall Museum) spoke in support of the project.

The Committee approved a Priority 1 for the project and a preliminary allocation of $175,000.

Seed Program - Edgehill Mountain Open Space Extension I

Wilson reported that the request is for funding to acquire parcels on Kensington Way from Ulloa to Vasquez Streets, extending up to Edgehill Way (generally, the upper lots fronting on Edgehill Way) for open space. The preliminary estimated value of these parcels is $585,000 according to the Real Estate Department. Funds were allocated in the Fiscal Year 1997-1998 Program as a seed project. To date, the community has raised $70,000 in pledges. In addition, there is a commitment of $350,000 (the value of three donated parcels, pending a financial commitment from the City). The preliminary staff recommendation is a Priority 1 with no funding ($0.00) for the project in the Fiscal Year 1999-2000 Program.

Joan Kingery, Tim Colen, and Steve Suacci (all of the Edgehill Mountain Open Space Committee) spoke in support of the project.

It was moved by Hanagan and seconded by Henne to allow Rocca to abstain from voting due to a potential conflict of interest. The Committee unanimously approved the motion.

The Committee approved a Priority 1 for the project and a preliminary allocation of $305,000.

Seed Program - Esprit Park (19th & Minnesota Streets)

Wilson reported that the request is to acquire a privately owned park located on Minnesota Street between 19th and 20th Streets developed by Esprit Corporation. The park is approximately one city block (80,000 square feet). Esprit Corporation had previously offered the property to the City for $2 million (at that time, Esprit Corporation estimated the property's value to be approximately $4 million). Since that time, Esprit Corporation has informed the City that it does not intend to sell the property for at least one more year pending a re-evaluation of their real estate situation and options. The headquarters for Esprit Corporation located near the park is an unreinforced masonry building that will cost the company $10 million to seismically retrofit and renovate. Shotland stated that the Planning Department expects to see significant housing development in the eastern third of the City due to conversion of industrially zoned properties to housing and other uses. These areas currently have little public open space. Wilson stated that the preliminary staff recommendation is a Priority 2 for the project in the Fiscal Year 1999-2000 Program.

Mariuccia Iaconi, Frank Kingman, Vernon Smith, Tim Benetti, Drew Detsch, Dick Millet (Potrero Boosters Neighborhood Association) and Janet Carpinelli (Lower Potrero Hill Neighborhood Association) spoke in support of the project. Although

they did not speak, Sally Seymour and Margaret Weir indicated their support of the project.

The Committee approved a Priority 1 for the project and a preliminary allocation of $1,000,000.

South of Market Park (7th & Harrison Streets)

This item was deferred until the meeting of December 15, 1998.

Transportation Program (Randall Museum - 199 Museum Way)

This item was deferred until the meeting of December 15, 1998.

Visitacion Valley Greenway - Reis Tract

Wilson reported that the request is for funding to acquire and develop Water Department parcels near Campbell-Rutland Mini Park for a park, community garden and farm project. Staff has been working with the community to develop a conceptual plan for the renovation and expansion of Campbell-Rutland Park. Transfer of these parcels from the Water Department to the Recreation and Park Department is expected in the near future. The preliminary staff recommendation is a Priority 2 for the project in the Fiscal Year 1999-2000 Program.

Anne Seeman, Fran Martin, Sara Mogel, Florence Pentheler, Nan Taylor and Bruce Williams (The Trust for Public Land) spoke in support of the project.

The Committee approved a Priority 1 for the project and a preliminary allocation of $200,000.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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There was no public comment.

MEMBERS ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS

Miguel announced that due to a clerical error at the Board of Supervisors, he was inadvertently removed from the Committee. Supervisor Medina's office is

working to correct the error. In the meantime, Miguel will not be able to vote or co-chair the meetings until the error is corrected. Apparently, the earliest date for the Board to approve a revised resolution correcting the error will be late December or early January. Winslow will act as co-chair in the meantime.

Wilson announced that the Committee may need to revise their schedule to add one more meeting. Possible meeting dates to consider are Tuesday, January 12, 1999 or Tuesday, January 19, 1999. The agenda for the next Open Space meeting on December 15th will include an item to revise the schedule.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:50 p.m. The next scheduled meeting will be on Tuesday, December 15, 1998 at 6:30 p.m. in the Commission Room, McLaren Lodge, Fell and Stanyan Streets, Golden Gate Park.

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   - Disability Access Requirements and Needs (Richard Skaff, DPW Disability Access Coordinator)

4. Edgehill Mountain Open Space - Discussion and Possible Approval of a Letter from the Committee to the Environmental Review Officer (Department of City Planning) Regarding the Potential Adverse Impact of Proposed Development Adjacent to Park Property

5. Proposition J Maintenance and Proposition E Maintenance/Administration Budgets - Discussion and Possible Approval of Budgets

6. Revised Open Space Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting Schedule - Discussion and Possible Approval of an Additional Meeting Date

7. Five Year Plan Recommendations - Discussion and Possible Approval

8. Renovation Projects - Discussion and Possible Approval of Priority Status and Preliminary Funding Allocation of Athletic Field Rehabilitation at Various Sites, including:
   - Franklin Square - Soccer Field (17th & Bryant Streets)
   - Golden Gate Park - Beach Chalet Soccer Field
   - Golden Gate Park - Elk Glen Meadow (East of 25th Avenue)
   - Golden Gate Park - Pioneer Log Cabin Meadow (East of Will Polk Rock)
   - Golden Gate Park - Kezar Triangle Meadow
   - Golden Gate Park - Lindley Meadow
   - Golden Gate Park - Lower Speedway Meadow

- Golden Gate Park - Marx Meadow
- Golden Gate Park - Sunbathers Meadow (Middle Drive Next to the Academy of Sciences)
- Golden Gate Park - Mother's Meadow (near the Sharon Building; east of children's play area)
- Golden Gate Park - Peacock Meadow (near east of the Conservatory of Flowers)
- Golden Gate Park - 14th Avenue East Meadow (West of the Rose Garden Meadow)
- Louis Sutter Playground - Soccer Field (McLaren Park - University & Wayland)
- Mission Dolores Park - Multipurpose Field (Dolores & 18th Streets)
- Youngblood Coleman Playground - Soccer Field (Galvez & Mendell Streets)

9. Acquisition and Development Projects - Discussion and Possible Approval of Priority Status and Preliminary Funding Allocation:
   - Athletic Field Development (No Site Identified for Acquisition/Various Sites Identified for Development)
   - City Attorney Support
   - Community Garden Program (City-Wide)
   - Eureka Valley Recreation Center (Collingwood & 18th Streets)
   - India Basin Shoreline Park (Hudson Avenue and Evans Street)
   - Japan Peace Plaza (Post Street & Geary Boulevard)
   - King Pool (Bayview Park - 3rd Street & Carroll Avenue)
   - Natural Areas Acquisition (Various Sites)
   - Natural Areas Implementation (City-Wide)
   - South of Market Park (7th & Harrison Streets)
   - Transportation Program (City-Wide, High Need Areas and the Randall Museum at 199 Museum Way)

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NOTES
Park and Open Space Citizens Advisory Committee
Tuesday, December 15, 1998
McLaren Lodge, Golden Gate Park

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8 **ROLL CALL**

Members Present:	Gaeta Bell, Co-Chair; Jane Winslow, Acting Co-Chair; Bette Landis, Henry Louie, Carolene Marks, Mabel Ng, Michele Stratton, Harold Supriano, Julia Viera, Doug Wildman and Claude Wilson
Members Excused:	Ina F. Dearman, Kevin Fox, M. Terri Hanagan, Jeffrey Henne, Alan Weaver
Members Absent:	Allen Calder, Maurice Campbell, Gregory Rocca, Camille She, Mauricio Vela
Members Recused:	Ron Miguel
Staff Present:	Deborah Learner, Planner; and Joanne Wilson, Planner, of the Recreation and Park Department; Jim Delfino, Assistant Superintendent (South); and Stephen Shotland of the City Planning Department

DUE TO THE LACK OF A QUORUM, AN OFFICIAL MEETING OF THE OPEN SPACE CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE COULD NOT TAKE PLACE ON DECEMBER 15, 1998.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

When the Committee reconvenes at its next regularly scheduled meeting, it was requested that previous meeting minutes be amended as follows:

The minutes of November 10, 1998 should be amended to show Julia Viera as an excused absence. The minutes of November 10, 1998 and December 1, 1998 should be amended to show Carolene Marks as an excused absence.

The minutes of December 1, 1998 should be amended to show that Campbell was an excused absence on November 10, 1998 (not Supriano).

Due to a lack of a quorum, this item was deferred to the meeting of January 5, 1999.

STAFF REPORTS

Disability Access Requirements and Needs

This item will be rescheduled for a future meeting.

Edgehill Mountain Open Space - Letter to the Office of Environmental Review

Miguel reported that a letter has not yet been written because the planner assigned to the project in the Office of Environmental Review is in the process of conducting further research on technical issues associated with the hillside. This research will determine the level of environmental review necessary. Miguel stated that the Committee could request that all five lots owned by the developer be subject to environmental review (as opposed to the two lots currently under review). Shotland reported that the Office of Environmental Review can only review projects submitted for their review and approval, and the developer has requested review of only two lots.

Due to a lack of a quorum, further discussion and possible action on this item was deferred to a future meeting.

Proposition J Maintenance and Proposition E Maintenance/Administration Budgets

Due to a lack of a quorum, this item was deferred to the meeting of January 5, 1999.

Five Year Plan Recommendations

Due to a lack of a quorum, this item was deferred to the meeting of January 5, 1999.

Revised Open Space Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting Schedule

Due to a lack of a quorum, this item was deferred to the meeting of January 5, 1999.

RENOVATION PROJECTS

Athletic Field Rehabilitation

Jim Delfino, Assistant Superintendent (Southern Division/3COM), presented an overview of soccer renovation. In the past few years, much effort has been

made to reverse the deplorable condition of the soccer fields. Recent projects include the Polo Fields and the Beach Chalet in Golden Gate Park The field at Oceanview will be opened this Saturday at a cost of $143,000 (including the two baseball diamonds). Currently, Crocker Amazon is under renovation and will likely be completed after the 1st of the year. Youngblood Coleman is due for renovation in the near future and there is approximately $110,000 available. Delfino stated that some types of synthetic turf (Sportsgrass) would be an excellent choice but the cost is prohibitive (approximately $400,000 to $600,000 for Youngblood Coleman). Delfino stated that some locations would be excellent candidates, however, due to mixed use and cost, other sites would be inappropriate for artificial turf. Garfield is also scheduled for renovation (26th & Harrison Streets). If the weather is favorable, Garfield may be completed in the Spring. About two years ago Franklin Square was renovated for approximately $600,000. The renovation was successful, but due to overuse, the field currently needs new sod.

Gardeners assigned to a beat that includes athletic fields are responsible for the day-to-day maintenance of an athletic field within their assigned area. For more comprehensive renovation (in-house), the Department relies on a sod crew. Generally, fields are closed once a year (for about one month) for new sod. Currently, the sod crew has a staff of seven persons and their duties include soccer fields, 53 ball diamonds and 3COM park for the San Francisco 49ers. Due to weather and the needs of 3COM park, it is difficult to repair ball diamonds and other field renovations during the off-season from October to May. A major problem with maintenance is keeping up with the high use of the fields. More down-time is needed for athletic fields.

Generally, fields are closed once a year for new sod. For example, Franklin is scheduled to be re-sodded in May, 1999. The Beach Chalet also is in need of repair in spite of recent work as it was heavily used for a soccer camp. The Beach Chalet is scheduled to be renovated in July, 1999. Louis Sutter Playground has a serious drainage problem, particularly the moisture retention on the south end of the field. Mission Dolores Park has not been a successful renovation, possibly due to underground streams as there is excessive moisture. Drainage installation at Mission Dolores would cost approximately $200,000 to $300,000.

Learner commented that there is no land use policy to dedicate various meadows in Golden Gate Park for soccer except for the Polo Field and the Beach Chalet Soccer Field. A change in the land use of the various proposed soccer fields in Golden Gate Park would require review and approval by the Recreation and Park Commission. Any proposed change in land use in Golden Gate Park would not be within the purview of the Open Space Citizen Advisory Committee.

- C. Wilson joined the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

- **Balboa Park - Soccer Field Sites (Ocean & San Jose Avenues)**

David Rodriguez and Dario Arredando (S.F.I.A.C.) spoke in support of funding the renovation of fields (and the creation of new fields) at Balboa Park.

Due to a lack of a quorum, this item was deferred to the meeting of January 5, 1999.

- **Franklin Square Soccer Field (17th & Bryant Streets)**

Due to a lack of a quorum, this item was deferred to the meeting of January 5, 1999.

- **Golden Gate Park - Various Locations**

Chris Duderstadt (Ground Sports Advisory Committee), stated that the soccer teams are interested in four new sites in Golden Gate Park, including lower Speedway Meadow and Kezar Triangle. Duderstadt stated that teams have paid reservation fees for these sites and expressed his support for funding the renovation of these sites. Kim Northrop (S.F. Viking Soccer League) spoke in support of the renovation of Speedway Meadows for soccer fields.

Due to a lack of a quorum, this item was deferred to the meeting of January 5, 1999.

- **Louis Sutter Playground - Soccer Field (McLaren Park @ University & Wayland)**

Due to a lack of a quorum, this item was deferred to the meeting of January 5, 1999.

- **Mission Dolores Park - Multipurpose Field (Dolores & 18th Street)**

A petition to restore the multipurpose field at Mission Dolores Park was submitted.

David Rodriguez, Kan Lew (Mission Knights Soccer), Nick Murphy (Mission Soccer League), Niles Jeran (Jamestown Cougars), Max Ronstein, Carlos Narvaez, David Villalta (Mission Soccer), Cindy Young, Michael Young, Jesus Estrada, Dylon Murphy (Mission Knights), Cole Gummere (Mission Soccer League), Andreas Durrupjer (Mission Knights Soccer), and Michael Bannet

spoke in support of funding the renovation of the multipurpose field at Mission Dolores Park.

Due to a lack of a quorum, this item was deferred to the meeting of January 5, 1999.

- **Youngblood Coleman Playground - Soccer Field (Galvez & Mendell Streets)**

Due to a lack of a quorum, this item was deferred to the meeting of January 5, 1999.

Jesse Rodriguez, Michael Bannen, Emerson Taymore (Vikings League Boys U-12), Forrest Cadari (Vikings), Cary Jones (Ground Sports Advisory Committee), Rick Olivas (San Francisco Soccer League), Jorge Chavez (El Farolito Soccer), Fernando Lopez (El Tapatio Rest. Soccer), Carlos Vargos (Jamestown Cougars), George Hatzopoulos (S.F. Soccer League), Jim Rally (San Francisco Soccer Football League), Victor M. Robles (S.F.S.F.L. Ecuador S.L.), Andrew L. Solow (Mission Youth Soccer League), Jose Lopez (Guadalajara S.F.S.F.L.), Ricardo Rodriguez (Club Morelors S.F.S.F.L.), Freddy Vera, (Club Peru), Jeff Miller (S.F.S.F.L.), Ramon Rojas (Soccer League), Libby Rappolt (S.F. Viking Youth Soccer), Brian Brown (San Francisco Scots), Jason Fox (San Francisco Scots), Emily Taymor (Viking Girls U-8), Ken Taymore (Vikings), Scott Charles Golde, Jonathan Wright (Soccer Club Bojnjaci - S.F.S.F.L.), Shawn Hallum (S.F. Kickers), Mary Casey, Sheamus Nugent (S.F. Celtics), Robert Cuzner (Star S.C.), Paul Vukscih (Vice President, S.F. Vikings Youth Soccer League), Mario Mora (Golden Gate University), Noel A. Yescas (Jamestown Community Center - Cougars), Rob Schneider (S.F.S.F.L. - United), Darrell Martin (S.F.S.F.L.), Craig Winans (San Francisco Viking Soccer Club), Pablo Rodriguez (Mission District Soccer), Ian Clarke (President, Golden Gate Women's Soccer League), Tim Dennehy and Alfredo Mijango (El Salvador S.F. and Papy Soccer League S.F.) spoke in support of funding of the renovation of athletic fields.

Lu Blazej, San Francisco Unified School District, discussed the possibility of a joint-use agreement between the Recreation and Park Department and the school district to share facilities. Blazej proposed the use of school field facilities for community use in exchange for maintenance and staffing by the Recreation and Park Department. Delfino commented that the lack of down-time of SFUSD fields limits the use of these fields for the community. Miguel commented that he recognized the problem with down-time but had confidence in Blazej to come up with a reasonable schedule for community use.

Although they did not speak, David Narvqez, Russell Murphy, Martin Encinas (Mission Knight Soccer), Patrick Cadam (S.F. Viking Soccer Club), Henry Graff

(Jamestown Cougars), Michael Graff (Jamestown Cougars), Howard Faison (Viking Soccer), Beth Parker (Vikings), Ramiro Alvarez (Real Madrid), Jan Elderse (Olympic Club), Fredy C. Dorsainvic (Haitian Express), David Procino (S.F.S.F.L. - Haitian Express), indicated their support for the renovation of athletic fields.

ACQUISITION AND DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

Athletic Field Development

Wilson reported that the proposed project is the acquisition and development of a site as a multipurpose athletic field. Recently, there has been discussion between the Recreation and Park Department and the School District regarding a joint-use project at the new John O'Connell High School (bounded by Folsom, Harrison, 19th and 20th Streets) and other sites. The preliminary staff recommendation is a Priority 2 for the Fiscal Year 1999-2000 Program.

Ric Olivas and Andy Solow spoke in support of the project.

Due to a lack of a quorum, this item was deferred to the meeting of January 5, 1999.

City Attorney Support

Due to a lack of a quorum, this item was deferred to the meeting of January 5, 1999.

Community Garden Program (City Wide)

Due to a lack of a quorum, this item was deferred to the meeting of January 5, 1999.

Eureka Valley Recreation Center (Collingwood & 18th Streets)

Learner reported that the proposal is to renovate and expand the existing recreation center building. The estimated cost of the project is approximately $2 million. The staff recommendation is a Priority 1 with a preliminary allocation of $200,000.

Mitch Thompson (Recreation Director at Eureka Valley Recreation Center), Falcon Manynaters, Jason Carella, Tim Dennehy, Sheamus Nugent and Tracy Edwards (Rocky Mountain Nursery School) spoke in support of the project.

Although they did not speak, Shawn O'Hearn and Kevin Schaub (Harvey Milk Institute) also indicated their support of the project.

Due to a lack of a quorum, this item was deferred to the meeting of January 5, 1999.

India Basin Shoreline Park (Hudson Avenue & Evans Street)

Due to a lack of a quorum, this item was deferred to the meeting of January 5, 1999.

Japan Peace Plaza (Post Street & Geary Boulevard)

Learner reported that the proposal is to fund the renovation of the plaza, which is the rooftop of a parking garage. Renovation includes repair of leaks in the roof. The Redevelopment Agency has committed $600,000 to the project and to date, approximately $670,000 from the Open Space Fund has been committed to the project. The estimated cost of the project is approximately $2.5 million. The staff recommendation is a Priority 1 with a preliminary allocation of $200,000.

Karen Kai (Japantown Peace Plaza Task Force) spoke in support of the project.

Due to a lack of a quorum, this item was deferred to the meeting of January 5, 1999.

King Pool (Bayview Park - 3rd Street & Carroll Avenue)

Due to a lack of a quorum, this item was deferred to the meeting of January 5, 1999.

Natural Areas Acquisition (Various Sites)

Due to a lack of a quorum, this item was deferred to the meeting of January 5, 1999.

Natural Areas Implementation (City-Wide)

Due to a lack of a quorum, this item was deferred to the meeting of January 5, 1999.

South of Market Park (7th & Harrison Streets)

Due to a lack of a quorum, this item was deferred to the meeting of January 5, 1999.

Transportation Program (High Need and Randall Museum)

Learner reported that the request is for transportation funds to bring children from high need neighborhoods to the Randall Museum. There currently is a sufficient balance remaining in the fund (approximately $66,000) to cover the expenses for the Fiscal Year 1999-2000 Program. The preliminary staff recommendation is a Priority 2 for the Fiscal Year 1999-2000 Program.

Amy Dawson (Director, Randall Museum) spoke in support of the project.

Due to a lack of a quorum, this item was deferred to the meeting of January 5, 1999.

PUBLIC COMMENT

At this time, members of the public may address the Committee on items that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Park and Open Space Citizens Advisory Committee. Individual members of the public may address the Committee for up to 3 minutes.

There was no public comment.

MEMBERS ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS

There were no members announcements or requests

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The next scheduled meeting will be on Tuesday, January 5, 1999 at 6:30 p.m. in the Commission Room, McLaren Lodge, Fell and Stanyan Streets, Golden Gate Park.

Prepared by

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Park Planner

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PARK AND OPEN SPACE CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
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AGENDA

1. Roll Call

2. Approval of Minutes of November 10, 1998 and December 1, 1998

3. Renovation Projects - Discussion and Possible Approval of Priority Status and Preliminary Funding Allocation of Athletic Field Rehabilitation at Various Sites, including:
   - Balboa Park (Ocean and San Jose Avenues)
   - Franklin Square - Soccer Field (17th & Bryant Streets)
   - Golden Gate Park - Beach Chalet Soccer Field
   - Golden Gate Park - Elk Glen Meadow (East of 25th Avenue)
   - Golden Gate Park - Pioneer Log Cabin Meadow (East of Will Polk Rock)
   - Golden Gate Park - Kezar Triangle Meadow
   - Golden Gate Park - Lindley Meadow
   - Golden Gate Park - Lower Speedway Meadow
   - Golden Gate Park - Marx Meadow
   - Golden Gate Park - Sunbathers Meadow (Middle Drive Next to the Academy of Sciences)
   - Golden Gate Park - Mother's Meadow (near the Sharon Building; east of children's play area)
   - Golden Gate Park - Peacock Meadow (near east of the Conservatory of Flowers)
   - Golden Gate Park - 14th Avenue East Meadow (West of the Rose Garden Meadow)
   - Louis Sutter Playground - Soccer Field (McLaren Park - University & Wayland)
   - Mission Dolores Park - Multipurpose Field (Dolores & 18th Streets)
   - Youngblood Coleman Playground - Soccer Field (Galvez & Mendell Streets)

4. Acquisition and Development Projects - Discussion and Possible Approval of Priority Status and Preliminary Funding Allocation:
   - Athletic Field Development (No Site Identified for Acquisition/Various Sites Identified for Development)

- Community Garden Program (City-Wide)
- Eureka Valley Recreation Center (Collingwood & 18th Streets)
- India Basin Shoreline Park (Hudson Avenue and Evans Street)
- Japan Peace Plaza (Post Street & Geary Boulevard)
- King Pool (Bayview Park - 3rd Street & Carroll Avenue)
- Natural Areas Acquisition (Various Sites)
- Natural Areas Implementation (City-Wide)
- South of Market Park (7th & Harrison Streets)
- Transportation Program (City-Wide, High Need Areas and the Randall Museum at 199 Museum Way)

5. Edgehill Mountain Open Space - Discussion and Possible Approval of a Letter from the Committee to the Environmental Review Officer (Department of City Planning) Regarding the Potential Adverse Impact of Proposed Development Adjacent to Park Property

6. Proposition J Maintenance and Proposition E Maintenance/Administration Budgets - Discussion and Possible Approval of Budgets

7. Revised Open Space Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting Schedule - Discussion and Possible Approval of an Additional Meeting Date

8. Five Year Plan Recommendations - Discussion and Possible Approval

9. Public Comment

10. Members Announcements and Requests

11. Adjournment

NOTE: **Public Comment on any agenda item will be limited to no more than three (3) minutes per project or subject. Large groups or organizations who wish to comment on a project or subject are encouraged to have a single representative speak for no more than three (3) minutes.**

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MINUTES
Park and Open Space Citizens Advisory Committee
Tuesday, January 5, 1999
McLaren Lodge, Golden Gate Park

ROLL CALL

Members Present:	Gaeta Bell, Co-Chair; Jane Winslow, Acting Co-Chair; Allen Calder, Maurice Campbell, Ina F. Dearman, Kevin Fox, M. Terri Hanagan, Jeffrey Henne, Bette Landis, Henry Louie, Carolene Marks, Mabel Ng, Gregory Rocca, Camille She, Michelle Stratton, Harold Supriano and Julia Viera
Members Excused:	Ailene Coffino, Alan Weaver, Doug Wildman
Members Absent:	Maurice Campbell, Mauricio Vela, Claude Wilson
Staff Present:	Deborah Learner, Planner; Joanne Wilson, Planner; Jim Delfino, Assistant Superintendent (Southern Division/3COM); Lisa Wayne, Natural Areas Program Director; Kristen Bowman, Volunteer and Education Coordinator of the Recreation and Park Department and Stephen Shotland of the City Planning Department

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of November 10, 1998 were amended to show Julia Viera as an excused absence. The minutes of November 10, 1998 and December 1, 1998 were amended to show Carolene Marks as an excused absence.

The minutes of December 1, 1998 were amended to show that Maurice Campbell was an excused absence on November 10, 1998 (not Supriano).

It was moved by Supriano and seconded by She to approve the minutes of November 10, 1998 and December 1, 1998 as amended.

RENOVATION PROJECTS

Athletic Field Rehabilitation

Jim Delfino, Assistant Superintendent (Southern Division/3COM) stated that the renovation of Youngblood Coleman is a priority for the Department. Currently, $108,000 is available for this project through the General Fund for renovation (new sod). Renovating this site with synthetic turf could cost as much as

$400,000 to $600,000. Delfino stated that the decision to use synthetic turf would be up to the General Manager and the Commission, but he could see the advantages of using synthetic turf at single-pitch soccer fields, such as Youngblood Coleman and Franklin Square.

Learner stated that the Department staff has drafted a preliminary capital budget request that would include $700,000 for athletic field renovation (possibly for synthetic turf). Learner emphasized that this budget request is preliminary. Learner also stated that the Beach Chalet Soccer Field has been renovated and is currently fenced to aid in maintenance of the pitches. The proposal submitted by the Ground Sports Advisory Committee is for funding to convert the Richmond Sunset Sewer Plant to an additional soccer pitch. Staff submitted a request to the Board of Supervisors for release of funds for field design.

There is $86,000 in Open Space funds available for athletic field renovation, including $50,000 for the renovation of the athletic field at Garfield Park. As stated above, $108,000 is available from the General Fund for the renovation of the soccer field at Youngblood Coleman Playground.

Learner reiterated that according to General Manager Joel Robinson, the use of various meadows in Golden Gate Park was allowed only on an interim basis while the Polo Fields were under renovation. Per Robinson, use permits will no longer be issued by the Department for Golden Gate Park meadows for soccer or other athletic purposes now that the renovation of the Polo Fields has been completed. While the Kezar Triangle meadow could be further studied for soccer use by the Department, the use of Golden Gate Park meadows for soccer (other than sites already designated for soccer, such as the Beach Chalet Soccer Field and the Polo Fields) is a policy matter under the purview of the Recreation and Park Commission.

Bell stated that she just received a written funding request from the Ground Sports Advisory Committee for a minimum of $1 million for athletic fields (specifically, $850,000 to convert, renovate, and/or maintain athletic fields and $800,000 to be banked toward the purchase of a new soccer/athletic field somewhere in the Inner Mission, Outer Mission, or the Excelsior District corridor (location to be determined later).

Ric Olivas (S.F. Soccer/S.F. Vikings), Andrew Solow (Mission Youth Soccer League), Chris Duderstadt (Grounds Sports Advisory Committee), and Cary Jones (California Youth Soccer Association) spoke in support of the project.

- **Balboa Park - Soccer Field Sites (Ocean & San Jose Avenues)**

The request is for $50,000 for the conversion of areas near the pool and tennis courts for soccer use (currently, these areas are not technically permitted for use

as soccer fields and to establish this use would be a policy issue under the purview of the Recreation and Park Commission). The Committee preliminarily approved a Priority 2 for the project.

- **Franklin Square Soccer Field (17th & Bryant Streets)**

The request is for $200,000 for the renovation of the soccer field, including lighting, a higher fence, and artificial turf. The Committee preliminarily approved a Priority 2 for the project.

- **Louis Sutter Playground - Soccer Field (McLaren Park @ University & Wayland Streets)**

The request is for $425,000 to reconfigure the existing field as two fields for under-8 and under-10 year old children. Proposed renovation would also include drainage and new sod. The Committee approved a Priority 1 for the project with a preliminary allocation of $25,000 for design/planning.

- **Mission Dolores Park - Multipurpose Field (Dolores & 18th Streets)**

The request is for $25,000 to fund an engineering study of the site. The Committee approved a Priority 1 for the project with a preliminary allocation of $25,000 for an engineering study.

- **Youngblood Coleman Playground - Soccer Field (Galvez & Mendell Streets)**

The request is for $500,000 to install synthetic turf at the soccer field at Youngblood Coleman Playground. ($108,000 is currently banked, so that an additional $400,000 would be needed to fund this proposal). Learner stated that she identified $700,000 for this project in the proposed Capital Budget. The Committee approved a Priority 1 for the project and a preliminary allocation of $400,000 for synthetic turf.

- **Golden Gate Park - Various Locations**

The Committee preliminarily approved a Priority 2 for the following soccer field proposals in various meadows in Golden Gate Park:
Beach Chalet Soccer - new pitch at the Sunset-Richmond Sewer Plant
Elk Glen Meadow
Pioneer Log Cabin Meadow
Kezar Triangle Meadow
Lindley Meadow
Lower Speedway Meadow
Marx Meadow
Sunbathers Meadow
Mothers Meadow
Peacock Meadow
14th Avenue East Meadow

ACQUISITION AND DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

Athletic Field Development

Wilson reported that the proposed project is the acquisition and development of a site as a multipurpose athletic field. Recently, there has been discussion between the Recreation and Park Department and the School District regarding a joint-use project at the new John O'Connell High School (bounded by Folsom, Harrison, 19th and 20th Streets) and other sites. The preliminary staff recommendation is a Priority 2 for the project in the Fiscal Year 1999-2000 Program. The request submitted by the Ground Sports Advisory Committee is for $800,000 for a new soccer/athletic field in the Inner Mission, Outer Mission or Excelsior District (location to be determined).

Ric Olivas (S.F. Soccer/S.F. Viking), Andrew Solow (Mission Youth Soccer League), Chris Duderstadt (Grounds Sports Advisory Committee), and Cary Jones (California Youth Soccer Association) spoke in support of the project.

The Committee approved a Priority 1 for the project with a preliminary allocation of $400,000.

Community Garden Program (City Wide)

Wilson reported that this program includes coordination, education, supplies and renovation of community gardens throughout the City (approximately $60,000 annually). In addition, this funding category also includes the development of new community gardens. Learner reported that community garden renovations and development have occurred (or are slated to occur) at Brooks Park, Rose-Page Mini Park, Howard Langton, and Juri Commons. The preliminary staff recommendation is a Priority 1 for the project with a funding allocation of $152,605 in the Fiscal Year 1999-2000 Program.

Elmo Wright (San Francisco League of Urban Gardeners - SLUG) spoke in support of the project.

The Committee approved a Priority 1 for the project with a preliminary allocation of $152,605.

Eureka Valley Recreation Center (Collingwood & 18th Streets)

Wilson reported that the proposal is to renovate and expand the existing recreation center building. The estimated cost of the project is approximately $2 million. The staff recommendation is a Priority 1 with a preliminary allocation of $200,000 in the Fiscal Year 1999-2000 Program.

The Committee approved a Priority 1 for the project with a preliminary allocation of $725,000.

India Basin Shoreline Park (Hudson Avenue & Evans Street)

Wilson reported that the proposal is for further development of the park. Phase 1 of the park development has been completed. Although some mitigation funds will be available for wetlands and trails restoration, Phase 2 requires additional funding. Once funding is in place, construction of Phase 2 could begin in March, 1999. The preliminary staff recommendation is a Priority 1 for the project with a funding allocation of $100,000 in the Fiscal Year 1999-2000 Program.

Ruth Gravanis (Golden Gate Audubon Society) spoke in support of the project.

The Committee preliminarily approved a Priority 2 for the project.

Natural Areas Acquisition (Various Sites)

Wilson reported that sites to be acquired under this category include several parcels on Hawk Hill and the Palou Phelps Hillside. The Real Estate Department has renewed offers to the owners of the parcels on Hawk Hill on the basis of a recent independent appraisal. According to the Real Estate Department, there has been no response, and therefore, legislation to initiate eminent domain will be submitted to the Board of Supervisors in January, 1999. The staff recommendation is a Priority 1 for the project with a preliminary allocation of $250,000 in the Fiscal Year 1999-2000 Program.

Pete Holloran (President, California Native Plant Society), Susan Armesen (Oak Woodland Restoration), David Graves (Friends of McLaren Park), Wanda Milnes, Ruth Gravanis (Golden Gate Audubon Society), Greg Gaar (Tank Hill) and Harold Wright (Forest Hill Association), spoke in support of the project.

The Committee approved a Priority 1 with a preliminary allocation of $250,000.

Natural Areas Implementation (City-Wide)

Lisa Wayne, Natural Areas Program Director, presented information on the implementation of the Natural Areas Program and stated that the majority of funding for this program is through the Open Space Fund. Additional funds and grant monies, exceeding $275,000 will supplement this year's program. Wayne stated that the program is designed to restore and enhance remnant natural San Francisco landscapes (significant natural areas) by maintaining native vegetation and habitat for native wildlife. In addition, Wayne stated that the

program aims to develop and support community-based site stewardship of the approximately 1,000 to 1,500 acres city-wide (within about 30 parks). Work consists of removing and preventing the spread of invasive, non-native plants; collecting and propagating native plant species; erosion control; restoration and revegetation of damaged plant and animal habitats; and providing educational opportunities related to natural resources. The program also promotes training, workshops, conferences and prepares brochures aimed at environmental awareness and natural history education for Department staff and the public.

Wayne stated that a primary objective of the Significant Natural Areas Program is to increase citizen involvement by encouraging the formation of community-based stewardship groups. About one-third of the parks have established such groups (Friends of Lake Merced, McLaren Park, Buena Vista Park, etc). Approximately 3,000 volunteers (excluding school groups) are expected to volunteer for the program this year and the program is currently conducting a 13-week docent training program for volunteers.

The three main documents that form the foundation of the Natural Areas Program are Policy 13 of the General Plan's Recreation and Open Space Element, the Significant Natural Resource Areas Management Plan (adopted by the Recreation and Park Commission in 1995), and the sustainability plan developed by the Department of the Environment. The program employs three full-time staff and one half-time volunteer education coordinator. The program contracts with community development organizations, such as the San Francisco League of Urban Gardeners (SLUG) and the San Francisco Conservation Corps (SFCC). Funding is for a full-time volunteer and education coordinator as well as for two additional staff; seed money for SLUG and the SFCC for major weed eradication projects; and for additional materials.

Kristen Bowman, Volunteer and Education Coordinator, presented a report on the Department's volunteer program, stating that 15 new friends' groups have formed in the last 18 months - seven in natural areas and eight in neighborhood parks. These volunteers work to beautify neighborhood parks and restore and manage natural areas. This past year the volunteer program commenced its first full 10-month school stewardship program and for the second year was awarded two Americorp coordinators to develop curriculum and programs to engage students in natural habitat restoration and environmental education.

The volunteer program hosted the 2nd annual ecological restoration conference for professionals and volunteers in the Bay Area (which 120 people attended) and the 2nd annual Park Volunteer Recognition Lunch Celebration. Other work includes developing educational materials, such as a new walking tour of Glen Canyon (prepared by interns); publishing a quarterly newsletter, entitled *Community Catalyst*; conducting a monthly horticultural workshop series for

gardeners in habitat restoration, integrated pest management, etc; and giving environmental education workshops for recreation directors. In 1999, the program will have two recreation directors working with school groups and hopes to have a closer working relationship with adopt-a-watershed.

The staff recommendation is a Priority 1 for the project with a preliminary allocation of $400,000 in the Fiscal Year 1999-2000 Program.

Winslow requested that the Natural Areas Program newsletters, brochures, etc. include a statement (in a prominent location) about the Program's funding source (Open Space Fund).

Pete Holloran (President, California Native Plant Society), Susan Armesen (Oak Woodland Restoration), David Graves (Friends of McLaren Park), Wanda Milnes, Ruth Gravanis (Golden Gate Audubon Society), Greg Gaar (Tank Hill) and Harold Wright (Forest Hill Association), spoke in support of the project.

The Committee approved a Priority 1 for the project with a preliminary allocation of $400,000.

Edgehill Mountain Open Space - Letter from the Committee to OER

Shotland reported that there are two lots proposed for development. Under CEQA, such a project can be categorically exempt from environmental review unless there are other factors that could potentially create an adverse impact to the environment, in which case, further environmental review would be required. Because there is an issue of slope stability, the Office of Environmental Review has requested the assistance of the Department of Building Inspection to review geotechnical issues through its Structural Advisory Committee.

Joan Kingery (Friends of Edgehill Mountain) urged the Committee to send a letter supporting further environmental review of the project to the Department of City Planning (Office of Environmental Review).

Revised Meeting Schedule

The consensus of the Committee was to add two more meetings to be scheduled for January 19 and February 2, 1999.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Drew Detsch (Friends of Esprit Park) presented a copy of a resolution from the Board of Supervisors urging the acquisition of Esprit Park.

MEMBERS ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS

Ron Miguel announced that his term on the Committee has apparently ended. Miguel stated that he has enjoyed working with the Committee and offered his assistance to the Committee in the future, especially related to the Richmond Recreation Center (upcoming completion and grand opening).

Learner announced that there will be a public information meeting regarding the Department's proposed budget for Fiscal Year 1999-2000 (including the proposed capital budget) on January 21, 1999, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at 101 Grove Street, 3rd Floor.

Wilson announced that there were upcoming events scheduled at Boeddeker Park by community groups, the San Francisco Police Department, and outreach (recovery) groups to "take back the park." A week of activities is planned beginning with a program which will include speeches by Mayor Brown and Chief Lau on Monday, January 11, 1999 at 10 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Marks and seconded by Bell to adjourn the meeting in recognition of the valuable contributions by, and appreciation for, Ron Miguel.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m. The next scheduled meeting will be on Tuesday, January 19, 1999 at 6:30 p.m. in the Commission Room, McLaren Lodge, Fell and Stanyan Streets, Golden Gate Park.

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McLAREN LODGE, GOLDEN GATE PARK
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA 94117

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
PARK AND OPEN SPACE CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Tuesday, January 19, 1999 - 6:30 p.m.
McLaren Lodge - Commission Room
Fell and Stanyan Streets, Golden Gate Park

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AGENDA

1. Roll Call

2. Approval of Minutes of January 5, 1999

3. Staff Reports

   - Disability Access Requirements and Needs (Richard Skaff, DPW Disability Access Coordinator)

4. Acquisition and Development Projects - Discussion and Possible Approval of Priority Status and Preliminary Funding Allocation:
   - City Attorney Support
   - King Pool (Bayview Park - 3rd Street & Carroll Avenue)
   - North Beach Pool (Lombard & Mason Streets)
   - Real Estate Support
   - Recreational Programs:
     Woh Hei Yuen (New Chinatown) Park (922 Jackson Street)
     McLaren Day Camp (Louis Sutter Playground - University & Woolsey Streets)
     Tenderloin Recreation Center (560/570 Ellis Street)
   - Skateboard Park (City-Wide (Undetermined Location) and at Crocker Amazon Playground - Geneva Ave. & Moscow St.)
   - South of Market Park (7th & Harrison Streets)
   - Transportation Program (City-Wide, High Need Areas and the Randall Museum at 199 Museum Way)
   - Urban Forestry (City-Wide)

5. Edgehill Mountain Open Space - Discussion and Possible Approval of a Letter from the Committee to the Environmental Review Officer (Department of City Planning) Regarding the Potential Adverse Impact of Proposed Development Adjacent to Park Property

6. Five Year Plan Recommendations - Discussion and Possible Approval

7. Revised Open Space Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting Schedule - Discussion and Possible Approval

8. Public Comment

9. Members Announcements and Requests

10. Adjournment

NOTE: **Public Comment on any agenda item will be limited to no more than three (3) minutes per project or subject. Large groups or organizations who wish to comment on a project or subject are encouraged to have a single representative speak for no more than three (3) minutes.**

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MINUTES
Park and Open Space Citizens Advisory Committee
Tuesday, January 19, 1999
McLaren Lodge, Golden Gate Park

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Gaeta Bell, Co-Chair; Jane Winslow, Acting Co-Chair; Allen Calder, Ailene Coffino, M. Terri Hanagan, Jeffrey Henne, Henry Louie, Carolene Marks, Mabel Ng, Gregory Rocca, Camille She, Michele Stratton, Harold Supriano, Matthew Tuchow, Julia Viera, Alan Weaver, Doug Wildman and Claude Wilson

Members Excused: Ina F. Dearman

Members Absent: Maurice Campbell, Kevin Fox, Bette Landis, Mauricio Vela,

Staff Present: Deborah Learner, Planner; Joanne Wilson, Planner; and Carol Tatum, Assistant to the General Manager, of the Recreation and Park Department; and Richard Skaff, Disability Coordinator, of the Department of Public Works

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of January 5, 1999 were amended to add the following sentence at the end of the fourth paragraph on page 6: *The two Americorps coordinators are funded through generous donations by the Randall Museum Society, the Golden Gate Audubon Society, and the Urban Service Project.*

The minutes were corrected to show that Campbell was not present at the meeting of January 5, 1999.

It was moved by Louie and seconded by Supriano to approve the minutes of January 5, 1999 as amended.

STAFF REPORTS

Disability Access Requirements and Needs

Richard Skaff, Disability Access Coordinator for the Department of Public Works, presented a report on disability access requirements and needs. Skaff discussed the history of laws requiring access for persons with disabilities. In

the 1960's, the civil rights movement resulted in major advancements for women and minorities. Civil rights were expanded in the 1970's to include persons with disabilities. In the early 1970's, the California Government Code was amended to require that all public buildings be accessible to persons with disabilities. Subsequently, the State of California Health and Safety Code included a provision that all buildings, including private structures, must provide access for persons with disabilities. Later in the 1970's, the California Recreation Code was revised to require recreation facilities and playgrounds to be accessible to persons with disabilities. By 1979, cities receiving federal grants and funds were required to provide accessible facilities. At that time, however, there was little or no enforcement of accessibility laws until a series of lawsuits were filed against San Francisco and other cities. Title 24 of the California Building Code, which sets standards for disability access, was adopted by the State Architect in 1982.

- Henne, She and C. Wilson joined the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

Skaff stated that it is his responsibility to review all City projects involving any new construction or remodel of a public facility. The Mayor recently sent a memorandum to all departments stating that plans for all city projects (both renovation and new construction) must be reviewed by Skaff prior to the issuance of a building permit. In addition, the City has another coordinator to review program access (Paul Imperiale). Program access relates to a system of public facilities such as playgrounds throughout the City. Another example of a programmatic access issue is providing communication devices for persons with disabilities who request public information.

- Wildman joined the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

There are checks and balances related to accessibility requirements. For example, reasonable accommodation does not mean that a program must be closed because of the cost of accessibility. There are also exceptions for historic buildings.

- Stratton joined the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

Another example of the system of checks and balances is the situation in which costs exceed the standards in the Construction Cost Index. If a renovation project costs less than $86,770, then only 20% of its cost is required to be applied under Title 24 of the California Building Code. The American with Disabilities Act (ADA) requires 20% to be spent on all projects regardless of size. A project having costs that exceed this amount, which fluctuates according to the standard which is tied to the cost of living index, must fully comply with the law. (New construction projects must fully comply with all accessibility codes and laws.)

The primary accessibility items included in City building construction and rehabilitation work are 1) path of travel, 2) drinking fountains, 3) telephones, and 4) restrooms.

Learner stated that there are some gray areas having to do with program access, i.e. path of travel for court resurfacing and with respect to the historic Japanese Tea Garden in Golden Gate Park (bridges and other path of travel issues).

Regarding court resurfacing, Skaff explained that the path of travel is the first priority and bathrooms are the second priority (but nevertheless, both items are a very high priority). Public restrooms are both a program and building code-regulatory issue. Program comes into play because when an existing restroom serving a playground with courts is not accessible, then the facility is not programmatically accessible. Path of travel is based on the total cost of a project. In the case of court resurfacing, if the contract is organized so that there is a single permit issued for a number of sites, then it is considered a single project. The State Legislature recently passed legislation that requires the review of building permits over the last three years to determine whether a pattern of small individual projects exist or a single large project. The idea is to prevent the circumvention of accessibility codes by inappropriately breaking down major projects into small components.

Skaff invited the Committee and the public to contact him or to check his department's web site at http://www.sfdpw.com/doc.

ACQUISITION AND DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

City Attorney Support

Learner reported that this category is to fund the ongoing support services of the City Attorney's Office related to the Open Space Program, such as acquisition of land, development adjacent to park property financed through the Open Space Program, etc. In the past, $100,000 was allocated annually. The preliminary staff recommendation is a Priority 1 with an allocation of $75,000 for the Fiscal Year 1999-2000 Program.

The Committee approved a Priority 1 with a preliminary allocation of $75,000 for the Fiscal Year 1999-2000 Program.

King Pool (Bayview Park - 3rd Street & Carroll Avenue)

Wilson reported that the proposal is to construct a new, competition size pool to replace the existing pool. Total cost of the project is expected to be approximately $7.6 million. To date, $6.2 million has been banked for this project, including $2,841,344 in reprogrammed funds in the Fiscal Year 1998-99 Program and $1.5 million in non-Open Space funding sources. The budget shortfall is currently projected to be $1.4 million. The preliminary staff recommendation is a Priority 1 with an allocation of $1.4 million in the Fiscal Year 1999-2000 Program. Tatum reported that demolition of the original pool has been completed and bids were advertised last week. Bids are scheduled to be received in the second week of February, 1999.

Erlinda B. Villa (Our Lady of Lourdes Parish and Yosemite Seniors) spoke in support of the project.

The Committee preliminarily approved a Priority 2 for the project in the Fiscal Year 1999-2000 Program.

North Beach Pool (Lombard & Mason Streets)

Learner reported that geological problems at the pool building site have caused a major subsidence at one end of the pool. Soil conditions require additional soil studies and deeper excavation will be necessary. While many solutions have been explored, including building a pool in a new location, the current proposal is to keep the pool in its existing location. An alternate project will include improvements to the abutting recreation area. $3,079,000 has been banked for the project to date and the estimated cost of construction is approximately $3,579,000. The preliminary staff recommendation is a Priority 1 with an allocation of $500,000 for the Fiscal Year 1999-2000 Program.

The Committee approved a Priority 1 with a preliminary allocation of $500,000 for the Fiscal Year 1999-2000.

Real Estate Support

Learner reported that this category is to fund the ongoing support services of the Real Estate Department related to the Open Space Program, such as property appraisals (for new land acquisition), identification of sites to be acquired, etc. In the past, $100,000 was allocated annually. The preliminary staff recommendation is a Priority 1 with an allocation of $50,000 in the Fiscal Year 1999-2000 Program.

The Committee approved a Priority 1 with a preliminary allocation of $50,000 in the Fiscal Year 1999-2000 Program.

Recreational Programs

Learner reported that the Open Space Fund formula allows up to 5% of the Acquisition and Development category to be used for recreation programs in high-need areas as identified in the City's General Plan (Recreation and Open Space Element). The proposal is for ongoing funding of programs at McLaren Park Day Camp and Tenderloin Recreation Center; funding of staff for new Chinatown Park, as follows:.

$150,000 (Chinatown Park-3 staff)
60,000 (McLaren Day Camp-1 staff)
225,000 (Tenderloin Rec. Center-5 staff)
$435,000 TOTAL

The preliminary staff recommendation is a Priority 1 with a total allocation of $435,000 (as outlined above) for the Fiscal Year 1999-2000 Program.

The Committee deferred the item related to the McLaren Day Camp to the final meeting of February 9, 1999, pending further information on the cost breakdown of the staffing.

The Committee approved a Priority 1 with a preliminary allocation of $150,000 for Chinatown Park for the Fiscal Year 1999-2000 Program.

The Committee approved a Priority 1 with a preliminary allocation of $225,000 for the Tenderloin Recreation Center for the Fiscal Year 1999-2000 Program.

Skateboard Park (City-Wide (Undetermined Location) and at Crocker Amazon Playground - Geneva Avenue & Moscow Street)

Staff reported that this proposal is to develop a site for skateboarding on existing park property. Crocker Amazon has been selected as the site and a conceptual plan was approved by the Recreation and Park Commission in June, 1997. The total cost of developing the project at Crocker Amazon is $550,000. To date, $175,000 has been banked through the Open Space Program and approximately $100,000 is available for irrigation and fencing from the 1987 McLaren Park Bond. Funding for additional sites (locations to be determined) is also needed. The preliminary staff recommendation is a Priority 1 with an allocation of $275,000 (to complete the skateboard park at Crocker Amazon) for the Fiscal Year 1999-2000 Program.

It was moved Marks and seconded by Supriano to defer this item until the meeting of February 9, 1999 pending a report of the cost estimate for the project by Marvin Yee. The Committee unanimously approved the motion.

South of Market Park - (7th & Harrison Streets)

There has been a long-standing need for a large open space in the South of Market area. A site at 7th and Harrison (known as the McCormick site) has been acquired in order to exchange this parcel for the Bessie Carmichael School site. The purchase agreement for the McCormick site and Bessie Carmichael site swap was approved by the Board of Supervisors in January, 1997. In addition to a nonrefundable deposit of $484,500, the Recreation and Park Department made a payment of $4,360,500 to the Josephine McCormick Trust, and a payment of $800,000 to the school district (SFUSD). SFUSD will continue to occupy the Bessie Carmichael site for the next three years until a new school is built on the McCormick site (estimated completion date - January, 2002). The Recreation and Park Department is working with SFUSD to develop a coordinated project schedule. Development cost is expected to exceed $2.5 million. Because the school will not be completed (and the site available) for several years, the preliminary staff recommendation is a Priority 2 for the project in the Fiscal Year 1999-2000 program.

The Committee preliminarily approved a Priority 2 for the project for the Fiscal year 1999-2000 Program.

Transportation Program (City-Wide, High Need Areas and the Randall Museum at 199 Museum Way

Learner reported that the program consists of transportation to bring children from high need neighborhoods to the Randall Museum. There currently is a sufficient balance ($66,000) remaining in the fund to cover the expenses of the Fiscal Year 1999-2000 Program. The preliminary staff recommendation is a Priority 2 for the program in the Fiscal Year 1999-2000 Program.

The Committee preliminarily approved a Priority 2 for the program in the Fiscal Year 1999-2000 Program.

Urban Forestry (City-Wide

Learner reported that this project is for continuing forestry work in park and open spaces City-wide (but does not include Golden Gate Park). The staff recommendation is a Priority 1 with a preliminary allocation of $475,000 for the Fiscal Year 1999-2000 Program.

The Committee approved a Priority 1 with a preliminary allocation of $475,000 in the Fiscal Year 1999-2000 Program.

Edgehill Mountain Open Space

The Committee approved a letter to the Environmental Review Officer (Department of City Planning) regarding the potential adverse impact of proposed development adjacent to park property.

It was moved by Viera and seconded by Marks to approved the letter as written. The Committee unanimously approved the motin.

Five Year Plan Recommendations

Learner reported that the Five Year Plan has been updated and modified by staff as necessary and appropriate. The estimated revenue projection is likely to increase beyond the $16.8 million stated in the report. Funding commitments to Acquisition and Development projects are stated in the Plan, as well as Renovation projects. Program options (proposals submitted for funding) have also been updated as the Committee prioritized the projects. Learner also stated that several in-house staff have been hired in order to expedite projects and reduce costs associated with the Department of Public Works. These in-house positions include two assistant landscape architects and an architect.

She requested that Eureka Valley be added to the list of Development Projects on page 4 of the Plan.

Louie requested that staff report on the progress of the goals and objectives stated in the Plan. Learner suggested an annual staff report on this item. The Committee agreed.

Weaver requested that King Pool be added to the list of Development Projects on page 4 of the Plan.

It was moved by Weaver and seconded by Henne to adopt the Five Year Plan, with the modifications to page 4 as described above. The Committee unanimously approved the motion.

Revised Meeting Schedule

Due to the availability of the meeting room, there will be no meeting on February 2, 1999 as originally scheduled. ***The last meeting of the Open Space Committee will be scheduled for Tuesday, February 9, 1999 at 6:30 p.m. in McLaren Lodge (Commission Room).***

Henne requested that absent members be contacted by telephone to inform them of the scheduling change.

PUBLIC COMMENT

At this time, members of the public may address the Committee on items that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Park and Open Space Citizens Advisory Committee. Individual members of the public may address the Committee for up to 3 minutes.

Lynne Elman spoke in support of the acquisition of the theater at 560 Haight Street. Discussions with the current owners and the community are taking place and a proposal is on the table regarding acquisition of the site.

MEMBERS ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS

Winslow requested that an item be placed on the next agenda to change the Committee's meeting format. A written summary was distributed.

Wilson announced that she is taking another position with the Public Utilities Commission in mid-February.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m. The next scheduled meeting will be on Tuesday, February 9, 1999 at 6:30 p.m. in the Commission Room, McLaren Lodge, Fell and Stanyan Streets, Golden Gate Park.

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PARK AND OPEN SPACE CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

February 9, 1999

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MINUTES
Park and Open Space Citizens Advisory Committee
Tuesday, February 9, 1999
McLaren Lodge, Golden Gate Park

ROLL CALL

Members Present:	Gaeta Bell, Co-Chair; Jane Winslow, Acting Co-Chair; Allen Calder, Maurice Campbell, Ina F. Dearman, Kevin Fox, M. Terri Hanagan, Jeffrey Henne, Bette Landis, Henry Louie, Carolene Marks, Camille She, Harold Supriano, Matt Tuchow, Julia Viera and Alan Weaver
Members Excused:	Mabel Ng, Gregory Rocca, Doug Wildman, Claude Wilson
Members Absent:	Ailene Coffino, Mauricio Vela
Staff Present:	Joel Robinson, Acting General Manager; Ernie Prindle, Acting Assistant General Manager; Deborah Learner, Planner; Joanne Wilson, Planner; and Marvin Yee, Associate Landscape Architect, of the Recreation and Park Department; and Stephen Shotland of the City Planning Department

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Dearman and seconded by Henne to approve the minutes of January 19, 1999 as written.

ACQUISITION AND DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

Japan Peace Plaza (Post & Buchanan Streets @ Geary Blvd.)

Learner reported that this project is a priority for the Recreation and Park Department and it has received previous funding through the Open Space Fund. There have been drainage problems which will be addressed with new waterproofing and a drainage plan. In addition, there have been difficulties with the private fundraising efforts. The estimated cost of the project is approximately $1.9 million. The Redevelopment Agency has committed $600,000 in matching funds and the Department of Parking and Traffic will be contributing $350,000 to the project. In addition, there has been a revitalized community effort to raise funds for the project. The preliminary staff recommendation is a Priority 1 for the project with an allocation of $205,648 for the Fiscal Year 1999-2000 Program.

The balance of the project budget will be provided by community fundraising efforts.

The Committee approved a Priority 2 for the project in the Fiscal Year 1999-2000.

Recreational Programs:

- **McLaren Day Camp (Louis Sutter Playground - University & Woolsey Streets)**

Learner reported that the proposal is for one full-time staff person for recreation programs at McLaren Park. This staff person operates out of the tennis clubhouse near Mansell Avenue and conducts many programs (nature study, summer programs). The title of this category should be changed from McLaren Day Camp to McLaren Recreation Staff. The preliminary staff recommendation is a Priority 1 with an allocation of $60,000 for the Fiscal Year 1999-2000 Program.

The Committee preliminarily approved a Priority 1 for the project with an allocation of $60,000 in the Fiscal Year 1999-2000 Program.

Skateboard Park (Crocker Amazon Playground - Geneva Avenue & Moscow Street)

Yee reported that the proposal is to construct a skateboard facility on the eastern edge of Crocker Amazon Playground. A main feature of the project would be a bowl structure that must be constructed with smooth sides for safety. Yee reported that the increase in the project cost estimate is due to the following: The bidding climate (30% to 50% higher than cost estimates), specialized work necessary for the project, the number of sub-contractors required, and disabled access provisions. The project cost estimate is approximately $543,475 including $103,300 from the 1987 McLaren Park Bond and $175,000 previously allocated through the Open Space Program. The preliminary staff recommendation is a Priority 1 for the project with an allocation of $275,000 in the Fiscal Year 1999-2000 Program.

Torin Coffino, Adam Peretz, Zach Levenberg, and Jeremy Peretz spoke in support of having many skateboard facilities in the City.

- Landis joined the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

- Campbell joined the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

The Committee preliminarily approved a Priority 2 for the project in the Fiscal Year 1999-2000 Program.

FINAL DELIBERATIONS: PROPOSED PARK AND OPEN SPACE PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 1999-2000

Wilson reported that the projected revenue for the Fiscal Year 1999-2000 Open Space Program is $18 million. Under the allocation formula of Proposition E (the legislation establishing the Open Space Fund), the staff recommended the following overall program budget for Fiscal Year 1999-2000:

- Proposition J Maintenance Budget $6,306,868
- After School Program $2,338,626
- Acquisition and Development $4,677,253
- Renovation $2,564,886
- Proposition E Administration and Maintenance $2,112,367

Prindle noted that the increased revenue projection is due to an increase in property taxes and sustained interest earnings of approximately $1,000,000 from the Open Space Fund. (Once funds are expended for large projects such as King Pool and the Richmond Recreation Center, the interest earnings from the Open Space Fund will decrease).

Acquisition and Development Projects

Learner reported that staff proposes to reprogram $500,000 from Esprit Park (which is on hold due to the withdrawal of the owners' offer to sell) to the following projects: 1) Eureka Valley Recreation Center ($400,000) and 2) Edgehill Mountain Open Space Extension, Phase I ($100,000). In addition, the staff proposed to reprogram $1,000 from the Sharon Arts Studio (new site) to the Community Garden Program, as the Sharon Arts Studio will remain in its current location in Golden Gate Park. The additional $501,000 realized from the reprogramming of funds increases the available funds for Acquisition and Development to $5,178,253. Learner noted that the Committee's allocations to date exceed the staff recommended target budget of $5,178,253 by approximately $140,000. If the Committee does not elect to reprogram $500,000 from Esprit Park, then their allocations will exceed the staff recommended target budget by approximately $640,000.

Robinson noted that in discussions with the owners of Esprit Park (Esprit Corporation), the offer to sell the property to the City for $2 million has been rescinded. Instead, Esprit Corporation has stated that the park and the Esprit Corporation headquarters building will be sold together at a future date. This places the project beyond the financial resources of the Open Space Program at

the present time. The staff proposal to reprogram $500,000 from Esprit Park to Eureka Valley Recreation Center and Edgehill Mountain Open Space Extension is an effort to utilize existing funds that cannot be used for Esprit Park at this time to complete other high priority projects in a timely fashion.

Robinson also stated that $1.4 million is needed to complete King Pool (not the $1.6 million shortfall shown in the staff report).

Vernon Smith, Lynn Brown, Drew Detsch, Dick Millet, Mariuccia Iaconi and Nan McGuire (all members of the Friends of Esprit Park) spoke in favor of continued funding for Esprit Park and in opposition to reprogramming funds from Esprit Park to other projects.

Oscar Wolters spoke in support of funding for the acquisition and development of a park in the North Mission area.

Anne Seeman (Friends of Visitacion Valley) spoke in support of funding development of the Reis Tract as open space.

Joan Kingery (Friends of Edgehill Mountain) spoke in support of additional funding for the acquisition of Edgehill Mountain Open Space Extension, Phase II.

Lynne Elman, Joe McCune, Jim Houillion, Richard Schaefer and Michele Walsh spoke in support of funding for the acquisition of a theater at 560 Haight Street (Haight-Fillmore Theater).

Wanda Milnes (California Native Plant Society) spoke in support of continued funding for Natural Areas Acquisition and Natural Areas Implementation.

Ron Miguel spoke in support of continued funding for the acquisition of Esprit Park and the development of Eureka Valley Recreation Center.

It was moved by She and seconded by Weaver to reject the staff recommendation to reprogram $500,000 from Esprit Park. The Committee unanimously approved the motion.

It was moved by Henne and seconded by Louie to accept the staff recommendation to reprogram $1,000 from the Sharon Arts Studio (new site) to the Community Garden Program. The motion was unanimously approved by the Committee.

It was moved by Fox and seconded by Viera to reduce various project budgets as follows: 1) Reduce Athletic Field Development by $300,000; 2) Reduce Eureka Valley Recreation Center by $625,000; 3) Reduce the Randall Museum budget by $100,000; and 4) Reduce the allocation to Esprit Park by $250,000.

An amendment to the above motion was proposed by Stratton and seconded by Viera to allocate $350,000 to Athletic Field Development and to reduce the North Mission project budget by $50,000. The motion was disapproved as follows:

Ayes: Hanagan, Henne, Landis, Marks, Stratton, Tuchow, Viera

Noes: Bell, Calder, Campbell, Dearman, Fox, Louie, She, Supriano, Weaver, Winslow

A second amendment was proposed by Winslow and seconded by Landis to modify the original motion by reducing the project budget for the North Mission Open Space by $150,000 and eliminating the $25,000 proposed for the Haight-Fillmore Theater. The motion was disapproved as follows:

Ayes: Bell, Calder, Hanagan, Henne, Landis, Winslow

Noes: Campbell, Dearman, Fox, Louie, Marks, She, Stratton, Supriano, Tuchow, Viera, Weaver

The Committee disapproved the original motion proposed by Fox and seconded by Viera as follows:

Ayes: Campbell, Fox, Hanagan, Louie, She, Stratton, Supriano, Weaver

Noes: Bell, Calder, Dearman, Henne, Landis, Marks, Tuchow, Viera, Winslow

It was moved by Calder and seconded by Henne to reduce various project budgets as follows: 1) Reduce the project budget for Athletic Field Development by $100,000; 2) Reduce the project budget for Eureka Valley Recreation Center by $100,000; 3) Reduce the project budget for North Mission Open Space by $150,000; 4) Reduce the project budget for the Randall Museum by $100,000; and 5) Reduce the project budget for Esprit Park by approximately $100,000. The motion was approved as follows:

Ayes: Bell, Calder, Campbell, Dearman, Fox, Hanagan, Henne, Louie, Marks, Stratton, Supriano, Tuchow, Viera, Weaver, Winslow

Noes: Landis, She

Renovation Projects

Learner reported that staff and the Committee have preliminarily approved a proposal to reprogram $50,000 from Margaret Hayward Playground to Children's Play Areas – Mission Dolores Play Area and $49,197 From Precita Park (Phase II) to Children's Play Areas – Contingency Fund. The additional $99,197 realized from the reprogramming of funds increases the available funds for Renovation to $2,664,083. Learner noted that the Committee's allocations to date exceed the target budget of $2,664,083 by approximately $777,000.

Barbara Wenger (Hayes Valley Neighborhood Playground), Hashim Pahim (Hayes Valley Development), Judy Edmond (Operation Contact), Danny Washington (Operation Contact) and Rebecca Simpson (Hayes Valley Development) spoke in support of the renovation of the Hayes Valley Clubhouse.

Midge Wilson and Jacky Spencer-Davies spoke in support of the renovation of Sgt. Macaulay Park.

Robin Lee spoke in support of the renovation of Walter Haas Park and noted that $10,000 has been received in a neighborhood park grant from the Friends of Recreation and Parks and $20,000 in matching funds from the Walter Haas Foundation.

Alison Pence spoke in support of funding for the renovation of Upper Noe Recreation Center and Playground.

Peter Boyer and Ben Harwood (both of the Friends of the Randall Museum) spoke in support of continued funding of the Randall Museum Master Plan Improvements.

Grace Shohet spoke in support of funding the renovation of the children's play area at Alamo Square.

It was moved by Viera and seconded by Dearman to retain the following project budgets: Franklin Square Restroom, Mission Pool, Children's Play Areas (Project Contingency, Mission Dolores Play Area, and Visitacion Valley Play Area), Pioneer Park (Seed Category) and the entire Park Renovation budget with the exception of Louis Sutter Field and Mission Dolores Field. (Landis offered an amendment to delete further funding for Macaulay Park. The amendment was accepted). The motion would save $235,000. The Committee approved the motion as follows:

Ayes: Bell, Calder, Campbell, Dearman, Landis, Louie, Marks, She, Stratton, Tuchow, Viera, Weaver

Noes: Fox, Hanagan, Henne, Supriano, Winslow

It was moved by Louie and seconded by Henne to delete funding for the proposed Franklin Square Restroom. The Committee unanimously approved the motion.

It was moved by She and seconded by Supriano to restore the project budget of $200,000 for Sgt. Macaulay Park. The Committee approved the motion as follows:

Ayes: Bell, Calder, Campbell, Dearman, Fox, Henne, Louie, She, Supriano, Viera, Winslow

Noes: Hanagan, Landis, Marks, Stratton, Tuchow, Weaver

It was moved by Henne and seconded by Fox to restore the allocation of $25,000 for Walter Haas Playground. The Committee unanimously approved the motion.

It was moved by Hanagan and seconded by Tuchow to restore the allocation of $25,000 for Alamo Square. The motion was approved as follows:

Ayes: Bell, Calder, Campbell, Dearman, Hanagan, Henne, Landis, Louie, Marks, Stratton, Supriano, Tuchow, Viera, Winslow

Noes: Fox, She, Weaver

It was moved by Fox and seconded by Viera to restore the project budgets for Hayes Valley Clubhouse ($150,000) and Duboce Play Area ($50,000). After Committee discussion, Fox withdrew his motion.

It was moved by Henne and seconded by Fox to allocate $15,000 for each of the following seed projects: Douglass Playground, Duboce PG, Jefferson Square, and Sunnyside Park. In addition, Campbell Rutland Playground and Hayes Valley Clubhouse would each receive $87,500. Louie proposed the following amendment: Delete the allocation for Sunnyside Playground and reduce the project budget by $10,000 for Campbell Rutland Playground and Hayes Valley Clubhouse; provide $25,000 for Helen Wills Playground. Henne accepted the amendment. After Committee discussion, Henne withdrew his motion.

It was moved by Henne and seconded by Fox to allocate $82,500 each to the Hayes Valley Clubhouse and the Campbell Rutland Playground renovation projects. The Committee unanimously approved the motion.

It was moved by Tuchow and seconded by Hanagan to reduce the Park Renovation – Administration budget to $70,000 and to restore the budgets for various projects as follows: Douglass Playground ($25,000), Duboce Playground ($50,000), Jefferson Square ($25,000), Sunnyside Playground ($25,000), and Helen Wills Playground ($25,000). The Committee unanimously approved the motion.

Proposition J Maintenance Budget

The staff proposal for the Proposition J Budget (Maintenance) is $6,306,868 to maintain parks acquired and developed under the Proposition J Open Space Program (1974 to 1990). This figure represents 35.04% of the Open Space Fund and is well within the 40% limit. The budget has increased over previous years due to increases for equipment purchases (an additional $100,000) and salary increases.

It was moved by Louie and seconded by Weaver to adopt the Proposition J budget of $6,077,000 as recommended by staff on October 26, 1999, thereby saving approximately $230,000. The Committee approved the motion as follows:

Ayes: Bell, Calder, Campbell, Fox, Hanagan, Landis, Louie, Marks, She, Stratton, Supriano, Tuchow, Viera, Weaver

Noes: Dearman, Henne, Winslow

Prindle noted that the reallocation of funds from Proposition J budget will impact the other funding categories under the Open Space formula as follows:

- The After School Program budget will increase by approximately $46,000.
- The minimum required Acquisition and Development budget will increase by approximately $92,000.

[NOTE: The Committee action to modify the Proposition J budget) resulted in the following Open Space budget:

- *The After School Program budget was increased to $2,384,600.*
- *The minimum Acquisition and Development budget increased to $4,769,200.*
- *The budget for Renovation increased to $2,656,833.*

Further Committee action related to the Proposition E Administration and Maintenance budget (below) resulted in an allocation of an additional $100,000 to the Acquisition and Development budget for Espirt Park. In addition, the

Committee previously approved the reprogramming of $1,000 from the Sharon Arts Studio to the Community Garden Program in the Acquisition and Development budget. Therefore, the total available funds in the Acquisition and Development budget as recommended by the Committee is $4,870,200.]

[NOTE: The Committee previously approved the reprogramming of $99,197 from Margaret Hayward Playground ($50,000) to Children's Play Areas - Mission Dolores Park and Precita Park Phase II ($49,197) to Children's Play Areas - Contingency Fund in the Renovation budget. Therefore, the total available funds in the Renovation budget as recommended by the Committee is $2,756,030.]

Proposition E Administration and Maintenance Budget

The staff proposal for the Proposition E Budget (Administration and Maintenance) is $2,112,367 to maintain parks acquired and developed under the Proposition E Open Space Program (1990 to the present). This figure represents 18.06% of the remainder of the Open Space Fund and is well within the 25% limit. The budget has increased over previous years due to 11 new positions proposed for the Fiscal Year 1999-2000 Program. These new positions include a Planner V in administration, a custodian, gardener and electrician, and 7 new recreation directors for the new Richmond Recreation Center and Chinatown Park (Woh Hei Yuen). The new positions are budgeted for 9 months in Fiscal Year 1999-2000.

It was moved by Hanagan and seconded by Tuchow to reduce the Proposition E Administration and Maintenance budget by $100,000 and to reallocate these funds to the Esprit Park project budget. The Committee approved the motion as follows:

Ayes: Bell, Calder, Campbell, Dearman, Hanagan, Henne, Landis, Louie, marks, Stratton, Supriano, Tuchow, Viera, Weaver, Winslow

Noes Fox, She

After School Program Budget

It was moved by Henne and seconded by Dearman to approve the staff recommended budget for the After School Program. The Committee unanimously approved the motion.

SCHEDULE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2000-2001 PROGRAM MEETINGS

The consensus of the Committee was to begin the meetings for the Fiscal Year 2000-2001 cycle on September 14, 1999. The meeting schedule for the Fiscal Year 2000-2001 Program will be reviewed and adopted at the September 14, 1999 meeting.

FUTURE COMMITTEE MEETING FORMAT - ESTABLISHMENT OF SUB-COMMITTEES

It was moved by Henne and seconded by Fox to move and accept the concept of the subcommittee structure next year. It was Henne's intention that there would be a publicly noticed meeting in the next few weeks or months to work out the details. The Committee unanimously approved the motion.

ELECTION OF CO-CHAIR FOR FISCAL YEAR 2000-2001 PROGRAM MEETINGS

It was moved by Henne and seconded by Dearman to elect Jane Winslow as Co-Chair. The Committee unanimously approved the motion.

STAFF REPORT: FIVE YEAR PLAN - STATUS OF GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Learner distributed a report on the status of goals and objectives of the Five Year Plan. Learner urged members of the Committee to contact her if they have any comments and/or questions.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Bell distributed copies of a letter from Coffino regarding the use of Eureka Valley Recreation Center as a temporary homeless shelter as proposed by the Board of Supervisors. The Recreation and Park Commission will hold a public hearing on this matter on February 18, 1999.

Hanagan volunteered to coordinate the annual Committee dinner.

Bell announced that Wilson has accepted a position with another Department and will no longer be serving as staff to the Open Space Committee. The Committee thanked Wilson for her many years of service.

PUBLIC COMMENT

At this time, members of the public may address the Committee on items that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Park and Open Space Citizens Advisory Committee. Individual members of the public may address the Committee for up to 3 minutes.

There was no public comment.

MEMBERS ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS

There were no members announcements or requests

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:50 p.m. The next scheduled meeting will be on Tuesday, September 14, 1999, at 6:30 p.m. in the Commission Room, McLaren Lodge, Fell and Stanyan Streets, Golden Gate Park.

Minutes prepared by

Joanne Wilson
Park Planner

Note: These minutes set forth all actions taken by the Park and Open Space Citizens Advisory Committee on matters stated, but not necessarily in the chronological order in which the matters were taken up.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
PARK AND OPEN SPACE CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, April 27, 1999 - 6:30 p.m.
McLaren Lodge - Commission Room
Fell and Stanyan Streets, Golden Gate Park

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AGENDA

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of Minutes of February 9, 1999
3. Discussion Only of Proposal to Establish New Subcommittee Structure to Review Open Space Proposals
4. Committee Business
5. Public Comment
6. Members Announcements and Requests
7. Adjournment

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NOTES
Park and Open Space Citizens Advisory Committee
Tuesday, April 27, 1999
McLaren Lodge, Golden Gate Park

ROLL CALL

Members Present:	Gaeta Bell, Co-Chair; Jane Winslow, Acting Co-Chair; Kevin Fox, Jeffrey Henne, and Gregory Rocca
Members Excused:	M. Terri Hanagan, Ailene Herold-Coffino, Mabel Ng, Michele Stratton, Harold Supriano, Matthew Tuchow, and Claude Wilson
Members Absent:	Allen Calder, Maurice Campbell, Ina F. Dearman, Henry Louie, Carolene Marks, Camille She, Julia Viera, Alan Weaver, and Doug Wildman
Staff Present:	Deborah Learner, Planner; Dan Mauer, Landscape Architect; and Raphael Breines, Planning Intern of the Recreation and Park Department

DUE TO THE LACK OF A QUORUM, AN OFFICIAL MEETING OF THE OPEN SPACE CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE COULD NOT TAKE PLACE ON APRIL 27, 1999

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Due to a lack of a quorum, the approval of minutes of February 9, 1999 was deferred to when the Committee reconvenes at its next regularly scheduled meeting in the fall of 1999.

DISCUSSION OF PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH NEW SUBCOMMITTEE STRUCTURE TO REVIEW OPEN SPACE PROPOSALS

Winslow distributed a draft committee structure that addressed a proposal to establish subcommittees adopted by the Open Space Citizens Advisory Committee on February 9, 1999. She stated that it was hoped that a more refined version of the subcommittee proposal could be developed and presented to the full Committee in September of 1999.

The subcommittee structure paper was reviewed and suggestions were made. The revised draft is attached.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The next scheduled meeting will be in the fall of 1999 in the Commission Room, McLaren Lodge, Fell and Stanyan Streets, Golden Gate Park.

Prepared by

Raphael Breines
Planning Intern

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PARK AND OPEN SPACE CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Tuesday, February 9, 1999 - 6:30 p.m.
McLaren Lodge - Commission Room
Fell and Stanyan Streets, Golden Gate Park

AGENDA

1. Roll Call

2. Approval of Minutes of January 19, 1999

3. Acquisition and Development Projects - Discussion and Possible Approval of Priority Status and Preliminary Funding Allocation:
   - Japan Peace Plaza (Post and Buchanan Streets @ Geary Boulevard)
   - Recreational Programs:
     McLaren Day Camp (Louis Sutter Playground - University & Woolsey Streets)
   - Skateboard Park (Crocker Amazon Playground - Geneva Ave. & Moscow St.)

4. Final Deliberations: Proposed Park and Open Space Program Fiscal Year 1999-2000 - Final Budget: Discussion and Possible Action
   - Acquisition and Development Projects
   - Renovation Projects
   - Proposition J Maintenance Budget
   - Proposition E Administration and Maintenance Budget
   - After School Program Budget

5. Schedule for Fiscal Year 2000-2001 Program Meetings: Discussion and Possible Approval

6. Future Committee Meeting Format - Establishment of Sub-Committees: Discussion and Possible Approval

7. Election of Co-Chair for Fiscal Year 2000-2001 Program Meetings: Discussion and Possible Approval

8. Staff Report: Five Year Plan - Status of Goals and Objectives

9. Committee Business

10. Public Comment

11. Members Announcements and Requests

12. Adjournment

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AGENDA

1. Roll Call

2. Approval of Minutes of February 9, 1999

3. Introduction (Committee Co-Chairs)

4. Staff Report:

   a) Overview of Open Space Process and Five Year Plan
   b) Assessment Report
   c) Legislation Update
   d) DPW Presentation - Recommendations to improve Planning Process and Project Delivery

5. Discussion:

   a) Voting Procedures and Member's Responsibilities (Committee Co-Chairs)
   b) Distribution of Preliminary Schedule and Agenda

6. Action Items:

   a) Discussion and possible action approving Subcommittee Structure

7. Committee Business

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ROLL CALL

Members Present:	Gaeta Bell, Co-Chair; Jane Winslow, Co-Chair, Kevin Fox, M. Terri Hanagan, Jeffrey Henne, Henry Louie, Mabel Ng, F. Camille She, Michelle Stratton, Harold Supriano, Matthew Tuchow, Alan Weaver.
Members Excused:	Maurice Campbell, Ina F. Dearman, Carolene Marks, Julia Viera.
Members Absent:	Allan Calder, Ailene Herold-Coffino, Bette Landis, Ron Miguel, Gregory Rocca, Mauricio Vela, Doug Wildman, Claude Wilson.
Members Resigned:	Allan Calder, Bette Landis.
Staff Present:	Kevin Barteaux, Tom Fox, Elizabeth Goldstein, Deborah Learner, Tony Leung, Robert McDonald, Linda Woo

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Regular meeting of February 9, 1999 were amended to include on page 2 as follows: ..., *and Jeremy Peretz spoke in support of using funds for several skateboard facilities in the City and against using the total amount at the Crocker site.* A motion was made by Louie and seconded by Supriano to approve the minutes as amended.

STAFF REPORTS

Staff distributed the following new materials: A memo dated September 14, 1999 with definitions for renovation and maintenance.

STAFF REPORT: Overview of Open Space Process and Five Year Plan

Senior Planner, Deborah Learner presented an overview of the open space process. The presentation included: a description of each program category; definitions of key terms; examples of typical projects; a projected budget; prioritization process for projects; and a summary of how the 5 year plan works.

The Committee requested clarification of some key legislative terms and referred to a handout provided by staff with key definitions. The Committee requested that staff amend the handout to provide a description of acquisitions and development and

distribute this handout at next meeting. Staff agreed to revise the handout and include it with the next agenda.
The Committee discussed the open space revenue projections over the next five years. Members indicated that there may not be adequate funding to fulfill commitments and projects in the remaining 5 years of the program cycle and discussed the potential of new funding sources and new legislation to continue open space committee efforts.

STAFF REPORT: Assessment Report

Director of Operation and Physical Planning, Elizabeth Goldstein reported on the Department's Assessment Report that will be presented to the Recreation and Park Commission September 16, 1999. She summarized the background and contents of the report and how the report will be used to support a long-range capital improvement program for the Department.

The Commission discussed the need for a capital improvement program and how the report will identify monetary needs for the Department.

STAFF REPORT: Legislation Update

Director of Operation and Physical Planning, Elizabeth Goldstein summarized the efforts currently being made by the Department to identify alternative sources for new open space funding. Elizabeth identified the following sources: general obligation bonds (new legislation); state park bonds; Land and Water Conservation Funds; revenues from Recreation and Park facilities; and private funding sources. Elizabeth mentioned that the Department is working with the advocacy community to bring forward new funding initiatives that could be put before San Francisco voters in the future.

Committee members discussed the various methods for supplemental funding for the Department and how additional funding may effect how the Open Space Committee could allocates money for the projects. Committee members discussed Ms. Goldstein's previous experience with other organizations and her new role with the City.

Elizabeth introduced Tom Fox, a consultant for the Department of Recreation and Park. Mr. Fox discussed his consulting role with the Department and his working relationship with Ms. Goldstein. Mr. Fox expressed his desire for the Department to explore new approaches in managing capital improvements. Mr. Fox discussed the importance of being proactive in looking at new funding sources and redefining how the Department manages its capital improvement process systems.

Committee members expressed their frustration with the current system and funding for projects. Members mentioned their frustration to Mr. Fox about the differences between Committee recommendations and the Department's final recommendations.

STAFF REPORT: DPW Presentation – Recommendations to Improve Planning Process and Project Delivery

DISCUSSION

Voting Procedures and Member's Responsibilities

Co-Chair Gaeta Bell described the voting procedures, meeting attendance requirements and how the Committee develops priorities for development projects.

Distribution of Preliminary Schedule and Agenda

Co-Chair Gaeta Bell discussed the preliminary schedule and draft agenda for the Committee dated August 25, 1999. The Committee agreed to move the November 2nd Renovation subcommittee meeting to November 9th because of Election Day and agreed to have the Renovation subcommittee meeting in Joel Robinson's office. A November 31, 1999 mailing date will be changed to December 1, 1999.

ACTION ITEMS

Discussion and Possible Action Approving Subcommittee Structure

Co-Chair Jane Winslow summarized the subcommittee proposal dated September 14, 1999. A sign-up sheet was passed around for committee members to select a subcommittee assignment. The committee agreed to make final selections and assignments at the September 21, 1999 meeting. Co-chair Gaeta Bell agreed to chair the Renovations subcommittee; and Co-Chair Jane Winslow agreed to chair the Acquisition and Development subcommittee.

Members discussed the roles of members attending subcommittees and speaking as community advocates. Members discussed legal requirements and various options presented by the City Attorney in a memo dated July 29, 1999. The members agreed to defer making a decision on the subcommittee structure until the City Attorney provided clarifications regarding noticing requirements, quorums, speaking and voting rights, and absences. Staff agreed to discuss these issues with the City Attorney and report back to the Committee. The members agreed to make a decision on the subcommittee structure by the September 28, 1999 public hearing.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

No committee business was discussed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Co-Chair Jane Winslow opened the meeting to public comment. As no members of the public wished to speak, the public comment period was closed.

MEMBERS ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS

Co-Chair Jane Winslow opened the committee meeting to make announcements and request. As no committee member wished to make an announcement or request, this announcement/request period was closed.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Co-Chair Gaeta Bell adjourned the Open Space Committee meeting at 8:10 p.m. on September 14, 1999.

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Prepared by

Robert McDonald

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SCHEDULE AND AGENDA FOR FY2000-01

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SEPTEMBER 14, 1999 — **Open Space Meeting – Orientation – Full Committee**

- Introduction
- Explanation of Open Space Fund Allocations
- Voting Procedures and Member's Responsibilities
- Distribution of Preliminary Schedule and Agenda
- Legislation Update

SEPTEMBER 21, 1999 — **Open Space Meeting – Full Committee**

- Public Hearing - Community Proposals
- Distribute Committee Directory
- Presentation by City Planning staff of maps and charts showing distribution of programs, facilities, and demographics.
- Assessment Workshop Update

SEPTEMBER 28, 1999 — **Open Space Meeting – Full Committee**

- Public Hearing - Community Proposals
- Finalize schedule
- School District Status
- Staff report - Volunteer Program

OCTOBER 5, 1999 — **Open Space Renovation Subcommittee Meeting**

- Staff reports:
  1. Distribute Workbook
  2. Playground Assessment
  3. Present Worksheet - Staff Recommendations in Rank Order
- Renovation Projects: Priority 2's and 3's - Consent Item Agenda

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OCTOBER 12, 1999

Open Space Acquisition/Development Subcommittee Meeting

- Staff Reports
  1. Distribute workbooks
  2. Property Acquisition Status
  3. Development Status
- Acquisition/Development (Priority 2's and 3's) Consent Item Agenda

OCTOBER 19, 1999

Open Space Renovation Subcommittee Meeting

- Renovation (Priority 2's and 3's (Consent Item Agenda)
- Staff Report: Distribution of Maintenance budget for Proposition J Acquisitions
- Staff Report: Distribute Five-Year Plan draft

OCTOBER 26, 1999

Open Space Acquisition/Development Subcommittee Meeting

- Acquisition/Development – Priority 1's and 2's
- After School Program
- Staff Report:
  1. Distribute Five-Year Plan draft
  2. After School Program
  3. Distribute Administration/Maintenance budget for Proposition E acquisitions

OCTOBER 30, 1999
Saturday

Open Space Meeting – Full Committee

- Bus Tour

NOVEMBER 9, 1999

Open Space Renovation Subcommittee Meeting (Meeting in Joel Robinson's Office)

- Renovation – Priority 1's and 2's

Open Space Acquisition/Development Subcommittee Meeting (Meeting in Commission Room)

- Acquisition/Development Projects
- Approval of Administration/Maintenance Budget for Proposition E acquisitions
- Approval of After School Program

NOVEMBER 16, 1999

Open Space Renovation Subcommittee Meeting

- Renovation Projects
- Approval of Maintenance budget for property acquired under Proposition J

NOVEMBER 30, 1999

Open Space Meeting – Full Committee – 6:30 – 7:30

- Approval of Five-Year Plan

Open Space Acquisition/Development Subcommittee Meeting – 7:30 – 8:30

- Acquisition/Development

DECEMBER 1, 1999

Mail to Committee Members:

1. Revised Renovation Spreadsheet (Results of Committee's Preliminary Actions)
2. Revised Acquisition and Development Spreadsheet (Results of Committee's Preliminary Actions)

DECEMBER 7, 1999

Open Space Meeting – Full Committee

- Renovation Projects
- Maintenance Budget for Proposition J acquisitions

DECEMBER 14, 1999

Open Space Meeting - Full Committee

- Acquisition and Development Projects
- After School Budget
- Administration/Maintenance Budget for Proposition E acquisitions

JANUARY 4, 2000

Open Space Meeting

- Final Deliberations.
- Committee Business
- Schedule 2001-02 Cycle
- Elections

JANUARY 11, 2000 — **Final Spreadsheet Due**

FEBRUARY 1, 2000 — **Preliminary Environmental Review Submittal Due**

FEBRUARY 1, 2000 — **Master Plan Amendments Due**

FEBRUARY 1, 2000 — **Preliminary Report Due**

EARLY MARCH, 2000 — **Environmental Review Completed**

LATE APRIL, 2000 — **Report Completed**

EARLY MAY, 2000 — **Joint Commissions Target Date**

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
PARK AND OPEN SPACE CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Tuesday, September 21, 1999 - 6:30 p.m.
McLaren Lodge - Commission Room
Fell and Stanyan Streets, Golden Gate Park

AGENDA

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of Minutes of September 14, 1999
3. Public Hearing: Community Proposals
4. Staff Report: City Planning Presentation – Census update
5. Staff Report: Distribute Committee Directory
6. Public Comment
7. Members Announcements and Requests
8. Adjournment

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MINUTES
Park and Open Space Citizens Advisory Committee
Tuesday, September 21, 1999
McLaren Lodge, Golden Gate Park

ROLL CALL

Members Present:	Gaeta Bell, Co-Chair; Jane Winslow, Co-Chair, Maurice Campbell, Kevin Fox, M. Terri Hanagan, Jeffrey Henne, Henry Louie, Carolene Marks, Mabel Ng, F. Camille She, Michelle Stratton, Matthew Tuchow, Alan Weaver, Doug Wildman
Members Excused:	Harold Supriano
Members Absent:	Ailene Herold-Coffino, Ron Miguel, Gregory Rocca, Julia Viera, Claude Wilson
Members Resigned:	Allan Calder, Ina Dearman, Bette Landis, Mauricio Vela
Staff Present:	Dan Mauer, Marvin Yee, Deborah Learner, Tony Leung, Steve Shotland, Raphael Brines, Ann Marie Rogers

NOTE: A quorum of the committee was not present until approximately 7:15 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of minutes was continued to the meeting of September 28, 1999.

STAFF REPORTS

- Stephen Shotland presented an overview of the City's Recreation and Open Space Element of the City's General Plan. Maps presented depicted:
  - Public Open Space service areas
  - Census Information: density, income and age distribution
  - Facility distribution

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- Kevin Fox requested information on off-leash dog areas.

- Alan Weaver requested information on the distribution of natural areas.

PUBLIC HEARING: COMMUNITY PROPOSALS

- **North Mission Open Space Acquisition:** Susan Tatje recommended $500,000 be appropriated to purchase a park in the North Mission. She stated that a site has been identified on Hoff Street, between 16th Street and 17th Street.
- **Chinese Recreation Center Playground Renovation:** Katie Vasicek, representing the Committee for Better Parks and Recreation in Chinatown, requested $250,000 to augment a State grant of $550,000 to rehabilitate the Chinese Recreation Center Playground.
- **St. Mary's Square Development:** Christine Tam, representing the Committee for Better Parks and Recreation in Chinatown, requested $300,000 for a new play area on St. Mary's Square.
- **Alamo Square Rehabilitation:** Mark Topetcher requested $250,000 for renovation of play area at Alamo Square . He noted that their group has been raising funds to augment Open Space appropriations.
- **Upper Noe Recreation Center Playground Renovation:** Alison Pence requested $400,000 to renovate the play area and recreation center restroom.
- **Helen Wills Playground Rehabilitation:** Sharman Duran requested $500,000 to renovate the playground at Helen Wills. She noted that $25,000 had been banked in FY 99-00 to initiate the design process.
- **Edgehill Mountain Open Space Acquisition:** Stephen Suacci requested additional funding to purchase the Phase 2 park extension which includes Block 2923, Lots 37, 12, 11, 10A, 24, 25, 26 and 27.
- **Soccer Field Renovation and Acquisition:** Cary Jones, representing Ground Sports Advisory Committee, requested funding for the following projects:
  1. Beach Chalet Soccer Fields - development of fifth field;
  2. Boxer Stadium - replacement of seeding;
  3. Acquisition of new property for soccer use;
  4. Louis Sutter Field renovation and drainage improvements;
  5. Artificial turf in several locations;
  6. Maintenance funds for school district properties as part of reciprocal use agreement with the school district.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was received.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

- Gaeta Bell reviewed the subcommittee structure proposal. Members generally felt that Option 2, as described in the City Attorney's memo dated July 29, 1999, would be acceptable. However, clarification was requested from the City Attorney regarding the following:
    - Could members visiting a subcommittee speak as non-voting members of a subcommittee and sit at the table with other subcommittee members, or should they speak only as members of the public?
    - Would the subcommittee quorum be based on the current membership of the subcommittee, or based upon the projected number of members that could comprise a subcommittee?
    - Could items heard at the subcommittee be approved by a simple majority of the subcommittee quorum?

- Gaeta Bell urged members whose terms are expiring to contact their supervisors if they have not yet done so.

- Jane Winslow asked that the web site information be updated.

- Carolene Marks distributed a brochure on a breast cancer conference.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Co-Chair Gaeta Bell adjourned the Open Space Committee meeting at 8:10 p.m. on September 21, 1999.

The next scheduled meeting will be on Tuesday, September 28, 1999, 6:30 p.m. in the Commission Room, McLaren Lodge, Fell and Stanyan Streets, Golden Gate Park.

NOTE: These minutes set forth actions taken by the Park and Open Space Citizens Advisory Committee on matters stated and not necessarily in the chronological order in which the matters were taken up.

Prepared by

Deborah Learner
Park Planner

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Tuesday, September 28, 1999 - 6:30 p.m.
McLaren Lodge - Commission Room
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AGENDA
(Final)

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of Minutes of September 14, 1999
3. Approval of Minutes of September 21, 1999
4. Staff Reports
5. Public Hearing: Community Proposals
6. Discussion of Subcommittee Structure
7. Approval of Meeting Schedule
8. Public Comment
9. Members Announcements and Requests
10. Adjournment

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MINUTES
Park and Open Space Citizens Advisory Committee
Tuesday, September 28, 1999
McLaren Lodge, Golden Gate Park

ROLL CALL

Members Present:	Maurice Campbell, M. Terri Hanagan, Mabel Ng, Gregory Rocca, F. Camille She, Matthew Tuchow, Alan Weaver, Doug Wildman, Jane Winslow
Members Excused:	Gaeta Bell, Kevin Fox, Jeffrey Henne, Ailene Herold-Coffino, Henry Louie, Carolene Marks, Michelle Stratton, Harold Supriano
Members Absent:	Julie Viera, Claude E. Wilson
Members Resigned:	Allan Calder, Ina F. Dearman, Bette W. Landis, Mauricio Vela
Staff Present:	Deborah Leamer, Dan Mauer, Marvin Yee

A quorum of the committee was not present, therefore, a regular meeting was not held. The following are notes of the discussion that took place.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The approval of the September 21st meeting minutes will be calendared on the next full committee meeting agenda.

STAFF REPORTS

Staff distributed a committee members roster and revised meeting schedule.

PUBLIC HEARING: COMMUNITY PROPOSALS

1. **Rochambeau Playground – renovate play area (Seed Project):** Maria Morgan Butcher and Bob Liner, representing Friends of Rochambeau Playground, requested $50,000 to replace the playground structures at Rochambeau Playground.
2. **McKinley Square - renovate west slope dog run:** Joan Anthony and Jeffrey Smith, representing Friends of McKinley Square, requested funds to remove weeds, install irrigation, hydroseed, and provide other beautification measures to the existing dog run area. They have raised approximately $25,000 from various sources to support the improvements at McKinley Square that were recently completed.
3. **Hayes Valley Playground – renovate clubhouse:** Barbara Wenger and Judy Edmund requested $250,000 to renovate the Hayes Valley Playground Clubhouse.
4. **Justin Herman Plaza/Ferry Park – renovate landscape area:** Ernestine Weiss, resident of the Golden Gateway, requested funding to remove concrete planter walls, install landscaping and construct other measures to discourage skateboarders.
5. **Walter Haas Park – renovate park (Seed Project):** Robin Lee and Tim Sheiner, of Friends of Walter Haas Park, requested $500,000 in the Seed category to renovate the play area, stairs and pathways. The community has raised approximately $30,800 and contributed over a thousand hours of volunteer time toward the park renovation project.
6. **Randall Museum – develop outdoor plan (Seed Project):** Ben Harwood with the Randall Museum Friends, requested $265,000 to implement Phases 2 and 3 of the Randall Museum Outdoor Plan. He suggested that the appropriation would be used by the Randall Museum Friends as a matching grant. To date, the Randall Museum Friends have raised $190,000 which is being used to implement Phase I of the outdoor plan.
7. **Eureka Valley Recreation Center – expansion program:** Godrey Morata, Mitch Thompson and Dorian Linton requested additional funding to support the Eureka Valley Recreation Center expansion plan which is currently in design.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

- Discussion of the committee structure: Deborah Leamer reviewed the Deputy City Attorney's comments regarding members speaking at subcommittees and quorum requirements. It was suggested that the preliminary nature of the subcommittee actions would be conveyed in future agendas. It was also suggested that subcommittees would hear all proposals and then prepare a slate of recommendations at the final subcommittee meeting which would then be conveyed to the parent body for action.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Isabel Wade from the Neighborhood Parks Council provided an update on the preparation of legislation that would extend the Open Space Program for an additional thirty years, as well as a proposed bond measure designed to support capital improvements throughout the park system. Committee members also discussed what the role of the Open Space Advisory Committee might be as part of a revised Open Space Program.

ADJOURNMENT

Discussion by members of the Open Space Committee was concluded at 8:20 p.m. on September 28, 1999.

The next meeting of the Open Space Program – Renovation Subcommittee is scheduled for Tuesday, October 5, 1999, at McLaren Lodge, Golden Gate Park.

Prepared by

Deborah Learner
Park Planner

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
PARK AND OPEN SPACE CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Full Committee
Tuesday, November 30, 1999 - 6:30 p.m.
McLaren Lodge - Commission Room
Fell and Stanyan Streets, Golden Gate Park

AGENDA

1. Roll Call

2. Approve Minutes of the November 9, 1999 meetings (Acquisition and Development/Renovation) – by respective subcommittees.

3. Staff Reports.
   - Status Report on spreadsheets.

4. Proposed Park and Open Space Program Fiscal Year 2000-01 – Final Budget: Discussion and Possible Action approving

   - Proposition J - Maintenance
   - Proposition E- Maintenance/Administration
   - After school Program
   - Renovation Projects
   - Acquisition and Development

5. Five Year Plan: Discussion and Possible Action Approving Five Year Plan

6. Public Comment

7. Members Announcements and Requests

8. Adjournment

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MINUTES
Park and Open Space Citizens Advisory Committee
FULL COMMITTEE
Tuesday, November 30, 1999
McLaren Lodge, Golden Gate Park

ROLL CALL

Members Present:	Gaeta Bell, Maruice Campbell, Kevin Fox, Terri Hanagan, Jeffrey Henne, Henry Loui, Carolene Marks, Mabel Ng, Gregory Rocca, Camille She, Michelle Stratoon, Harold Supriano, Gabrielle Thormann, Matthew Tochow, Julia Viera, Alan Weaver, Doug Wildman, Midge Wilson, Jane Winslow.
Members Excused:	None
Members Absent:	None
Staff Present:	Jim Delfino, Angela Gengler, Deborah Learner, Robert McDonald, and Marvin Yee

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes for the full committee meetings of September 21st and September 28th, 1999 will be calendared for the December 7, 1999 full committee meeting.

The minutes for the November 9, 1999 Acquisition and Development subcommittee were approved without changes.

The minutes for the November 9, 1999 Renovation subcommittee were approved with the following changes to the discussion on Chinese Recreation Center and Play Area, Page 3: "Mr. Yee stated that additional funding ***may not*** be necessary to complete the renovation work....and... he will be back next year to request additional funding ***if additional funding was needed*** to complete the project."

STAFF REPORTS

1. Status Report on Budget Spreadsheets

Deborah Leamer summarized the budget spreadsheet, describing the status of the projected $19.9 million dollar Open Space Budget. Ms. Leamer described the budget formulas and funding percentages and amounts allocated to each funding category. Ms. Leamer indicated that there was a deficit of $70,818 to reach the projected budget for both Acquisition and Development and Renovation categories.

Ms. Leamer described a staff proposal to balance the budget by reducing the preliminary allocation for the South of Market Park. The proposal suggested reducing the funding amount for the South of Market Park from $100,000 to approximately $29,182 to eliminate the anticipated $70,818 deficit. Staff indicated that the reduction in funds would not delay the construction of the park since its construction was not anticipated for another 3 years (based on the School District's schedule to construct a new school on the McCormick site and make the old school site available for park construction).

Ms. Leamer indicated that the Acting General Manager, Joel Robinson concurs with the subcommittees' funding recommendations and will support the Priority 1 projects and funding recommendations identified in the subcommittees' proposed budget.

The full committee reviewed the budget spreadsheets and discussed the proposal to balance the budget presented by staff.

2. Proposition E Budget

Ms. Deborah leamer gave an overview of the Proposition E Budget and provided a clarification to indirect cost reimbursements (requested at the November 9, 1999 Acquisition and Development Subcommittee meeting). Ms. Leamer sited the administrative code to clarify the definition for members of full committee. The full committee had no further questions regarding the Proposition E Budget or the definition for indirect cost reimbursements.

ADOPT PROPOSED PARK AND OPEN SPACE PROGRAM BUDGET FY 2000-01

1. Proposition J – Maintenance

The full committee reviewed and discussed the Proposition J Maintenance Budget. The full committee asked for public comment on this portion of the budget. No public was present who wished to speak on this portion of the

budget. The full committee unanimously moved to approve the Prop J Budget without modification.

Final Full Committee Recommendation: Approve the $6,500,000 Proposition J Budget without modification

2. **Proposition E- Administration and Maintenance Budget**

The full committee reviewed and discussed the Proposition E Budget. The full committee asked for public comment on this portion of the budget. No public was present who wished to speak on this portion of the budget. The full committee unanimously moved to approve the Proposition E Budget without modification.

Final Full Committee Recommendation: Approve the $2,392,617 Proposition E Administration and Maintenance Budget without modification.

3. **After-school Program**

The full committee reviewed and discussed the After School Budget. The full committee asked for public comment on this portion of the budget. No public was present who wished to speak on this portion of the budget. The Committee unanimously moved to approve the After-school Program Budget without modification.

Final Full Committee Recommendation: Approve the $2,680,000 After-school Program Budget without modification.

4. **Renovation Program**

The full committee reviewed and discussed the recommendations made by the renovation sub-committee. The full committee requested clarification from staff regarding the possibility of future release of monies held by the Controller's Office for the Visitacion Valley project. Staff stated that these funds would be reinstated to the project if the Department is successful in procuring the funds. The full committee discussed funding allocations proposed for athletic field rehabilitation and stressed the need to use these funds in conjunction with other monies available to install artificial sports turf at Youngblood Coleman. Staff indicated that they will be using a portion of these proposed funds to complete installation of artificial turf at Youngblood Coleman.

Members of the public were present who offered words of support for the Boeddeker Park and Upper Noe Recreation Center projects. Members of the public stressed the need to renovate these facilities and remove unsafe play equipment and other unsafe conditions.

The full committee unanimously moved to approve the Renovation Program Budget, without modification, including all Priority 1 funding requests recommended by the renovation subcommittee.

Final Full Committee Recommendation: Approve the $2,620,201 Renovation Budget, including all identified Priority 1 projects, without modification.

5. Acquisition and Development

The full committee reviewed and discussed the recommendations made by the acquisition and development subcommittee. The full committee discussed staff's proposal to reduce the funding amount for the South of Market Park from $100,000 to $29,182 to balance the Open Space Program Budget. The full committee discussed the overall impacts to the South of Market Park timeline as well as any anticipated fund raising efforts being made by the community. Staff reemphasized that the reduction in funding would not effect the Department's efforts in conceptual planning for the park. Staff was also not aware of any fundraising activities that by this reallocation of funds. The full committee stressed its commitment to banking funds for construction of South of Market Park in the next 2 to 3 years to ensure funds are available when the site is ready for construction.

The full committee requested an update on the letter submitted by the Emerald Fund in October of 1999, offering funding to purchase property for Brooks Park. Staff indicated that a monetary contribution in the amount of $125,000 would be made available by the Emerald Fund to acquire land for Brooks Park, contingent on final permit and financing approval of a pending construction project they had in the OMI area.

Members of the public were present to support Esprit Park, South of Market Park and also request additional funding for India Basin Park, Phase II. Representatives for Esprit Park stressed the need to pursue purchasing the Esprit Park property in the event it becomes available. The full committee indicated a commitment to bank up to $1,000,000 towards the purchase of a site.

Representatives from South of Market Park acknowledged the possibility of reducing the preliminary allocation of $100,000 for their project, stressing the need to support banking funds for the project in the next 3 years. The full committee reaffirmed their commitment to the South of Market Park over the next 3 years. Representatives from India Basin Park, Phase II indicated that they were

working on a grant from P.G. & E., but indicated that this grant amount will not cover the cost for playground construction in Phase II. Representatives from India Basin Park were concemed that they might loose this potential grant funding from P.G. & E. since the grant funding alone would not cover the costs to construct the proposed playground. The full committee indicated that there were existing funds allocated to this project that could be used to supplement the cost of construction, in the event the grant is issued by P.G. & E. has not awarded the amount yet. The full committee discussed the possibility of other funding sources to supplement the potential P.G. & E. grant.

The full committee moved to reduce the allocation for the South of Market Park from $100,000 to $29,182 to balance the Open Space Program Budget, stressing its commitment to the project in the future.

The full committee unanimously moved to approve the Acquisition and Development Program Budget, with the recommendation to approve funding for all Priority 1 projects recommended by the renovation subcommittee with the exception of reducing funding for the South of Market Park.

Final Full Committee Recommendation: Approve the $5,707,182 Acquisition and Development Budget including all identified Priority 1 projects and as amended to include a recommendation of $29,182 in funding for the South of Market Park.

FIVE YEAR PLAN: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION APPROVING FIVE YEAR PLAN

Deborah Learner discussed the purpose, requirements and history of the Five Year Plan. Staff reviewed the on-going items found in the plan, discussed the criteria used for establishing the plan and indicated that the plan was amended to provide clarifications to certain budget categories found in the plan. The full committee asked if there were any members of the public present who wished to speak on the Five Year Plan. No members of the public were present who expressed an interest in discussing the Five Year Plan.

The full committee discussed the contents of the plan. The full committee noted a typo and poor syntax used on page 2, Item 9. Staff indicated that this section would be reworded. Staff noted updating the budget projections in the 5 year plan budget projections based on the new $19.9 million dollar budget for FY 2000-01. The full committee requested that staff provide a staff report at the next meeting for items number 6, 7, 8 and 10 found in the 5 year plan. The full committee unanimously adopted the 5 year plan, modifying the corrections to grammar and syntax noted on page 2, item 9.

Final Full Committee Recommendation: Approve the 5 Year Plan with minor corrections on Page 2 and readjustments to budget projections based on a $19.9 million dollar budget.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

MEMBERS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REQUEST

Ned York and Howard Wong were introduced as potential committee members. Midge Wilson was recognized as a new committee member.

Matt Turchow announced a meeting to discuss the implementation of the ordinance to extend the Open Space Committee. Mr. Turchow encouraged the other committee members to attend. The meeting will be on December 13, 1999, 6:30 p.m., at Pier 28. The number to call for more information is 621-3260.

An announcement was made regarding a presentation the following evening on natural areas of Treasure Island. The Committee acknowledged a greater role to play in managing other lands owned by other agencies that have natural areas.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjoumed at 8:24 p.m. The next scheduled meeting is for the full committee and is scheduled for Tuesday, December 7, 1999.

Minutes prepared by
Robert McDonald
Park Planner

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Full Committee
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AGENDA

1. Roll Call
2. Approve Minutes of the September 21, 1999 full committee meeting.
3. Approve Minutes of the September 28, 1999 full committee meeting
4. Approve Minutes of the November 30, 1999 full committee meeting.
5. Staff Reports.
   - Water Conservation Examples.
   - Methods/Techniques For Reduction In Long Term Maintenance Costs.
   - Cooperative Use Agreements With School District For Existing Facilities.
   - Reduction Measures For Administration Overhead.
6. Subcommittee Substructure: Discussion
7. Committee Business
8. Schedule and Agenda Cycle for FY2001-02
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MINUTES
Park and Open Space Citizens Advisory Committee
FULL COMMITTEE
Tuesday, December 7, 1999
McLaren Lodge, Golden Gate Park

ROLL CALL

Members Present:	Gaeta Bell, Terri Hanagan, Jeffrey Henne, Henry Louie, Carolene Marks, Mabel Ng, Camille She, Michelle Stratton, Harold Supriano, Gabrielle Thormann, Matthew Tuchow, Alan Weaver, Midge Wilson, Jane Winslow.
Members Excused:	Matt Tuchow
Members Absent:	Maurice Campbell, Kevin Fox, Gregory Rocca, Julia Viera, Doug Wildman, Claude Wilson
Staff Present:	Marvin Yee, Deborah Learner, Robert McDonald, Stephen Shotland

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

September 21, 1999 Full Committee Meeting – Unanimously approved with modifications, page 2, typo change **seeding** to **seating** under boxer stadium.

September 28, 1999 Full Committee Meeting – Notes do not need to be approved – noted as notes – No comments on the notes

November 30, 1999 Full Committee Meeting – Unanimously approved with modifications to the spelling of various committee member's names.

STAFF REPORTS

1. Water Conservation Examples

Marvin Yee reviewed the landscape design guidelines that establish considerations to be used by City projects for water conservation and drought tolerant plantings. Mr. Yee described water conservation methods suggested in the report to support sustainable landscape designs. Mr. Yee described how the design guidelines are used by the City for day-to-day park maintenance, management of natural areas and Recreation and Park Department construction projects.

The Committee discussed some of the various methods used by the City and the Recreation and Park Department.

2. Methods/Techniques For Reduction in Long Term Maintenance Costs

Deborah Learner discussed the various methods for reduction in long term maintenance such as the Resource Building Ordinance and energy efficiency regulations. Ms. Learner also indicated that the City encourages durable materials, energy efficient appliances and techniques in construction projects. Ms. Learner also indicated that the natural areas program uses natural, sustainable landscapes that minimize the amount of energy needed to maintain landscaped areas.

3. Cooperative Use Agreements With School District For Existing Facilities

Deborah Learner discussed previous meetings held between the Department and the School District regarding cooperative use agreements for existing facilities. Ms. Learner discussed a memorandum between the Board of Supervisors and the School District for the maintenance of School District playing fields. Ms. Learner indicated a stronger leadership role from the School District is needed to improve the relationship between each agency. More can be done to coordinate the relationship between both groups to share these fields and share the cost of maintenance and use. Carey Jones, Grounds Support Advisory Committee described the need to maintain playing fields and requested advice from the Committee to seek funds to repair playing fields.

The Committee discussed the various issues that need to be addressed to develop a cooperative agreement between each agency. The Committee expressed a desire to support an effort to bring the two agencies together. The Committee suggested a joint resolution between the Mayor's Office, BOS and the

Recreation and Park Commission to the School Board to encourage a cooperative agreement. Committee member Terri Hanagan offered to spear-head a group to get the two agencies together. The Committee offered several names to include in the group.

4. Reduction Measures For Administrative Overhead

Deborah Learner distributed recommendations made by the Recreation and Park Department and Department of Public Works to improve services and project delivery and reduce administrative overhead cost. Ms. Leamer discussed some of the setbacks with the current open space program process that creates an inefficient construction implementation process – projects are more expensive because funding allotments are spread over several years.

The Committee discussed the new open space program legislation to improve efficiency and reduce administrative overhead. The Committee discussed the need to fully fund projects to assure timely completion. The Committee suggested educating the public in the next open space cycle to explain the benefits of fully funding key projects. The Committee recognized the need for an Open Space capital plan.

SUBCOMMITTEE SUBSTRUCTURE: DISCUSSION

The Committee recommended the following changes to the subcommittee structure and program for next year:

- Add one additional meeting to go over the budget before the final committee votes on a final budget.
- Push up the open space bus tour earlier in the schedule.
- Add an extra meeting for each sub-committee at the end of the process providing an update and status of the alternate sub-committee before the final deliberation.
- Approve other budgets (i.e. Proposition J Maintenance and After School) earlier on in the process before discussing the priority 1 projects.
- Improve attendance to ensure that there is a quorum in each sub-committee to secure a vote.

- Identify when each member's term expires at the beginning of the process.
- Develop rules for attendance to distribute to each committee member
- keep the subcommittee substructure.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Committee discussed the annual Open Space Advisory Committee dinner to be held in May 2000. Carolene Marks volunteered to coordinate the event on a Tuesday night in May.

The Committee discussed the timeline for the Open Space Budget. Staff indicated that the Committee will get notification on the joint meeting held by the Planning and Recreation and Park Commissions.

SCHEDULE AND AGENDA CYCLE FOR FY2001-02

The Committee requested that the draft schedule for FY2001-02 be revised to reflect the Committee's comments under subcommittee substructure. The Committee offered the following additional comments:

- Reschedule the January 2nd meeting to a later date.
- Check the Jewish and Chinese holidays before completing.

ELECTIONS

The Committee assumes the same structure as last year in regards to electing new chairs. Gaeta Bell's 2 year term limit has expired. The Committee thanked Gaeta Bell for her service. Terri Hanagan was unanimously elected as co-chair for next year to replace Gaeta Bell. The Committee expressed special thanks to Jane Winslow and Gaeta Bell for their excellent leadership. The Committee also expressed thanks to staff for their hard work.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The public thanked the Committee and staff for a fast and efficient public process.

MEMBERS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REQUEST

None

ADJOURNMENT

8:05 pm adjourned.

Minutes prepared by
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Note: These are minutes set forth all actions taken by the Park and Open Space Citizens Advisory Committee on matters stated, but not necessarily in the chronological order the matters were discussed.

G: OSP2/Meeting Minutes/OpenSpaceMinutes 11-30-99 Acquisition- Development